

Student Uniforms

PSOE's uniform requirements are intended to promote a better learning environment and increase academic achievement by fostering school spirit, reducing socio-economic differences, and, most importantly, enhancing student safety. All uniform items must adhere to the policy as listed below. School uniform standards by grade level are available on our website at <http://paramountindy.org>. Any item of clothing that is excessively distasteful in fit, condition, or distraction may result in removal from the classroom, parent/guardian call for alternative clothing, and/or discipline referral at the principal's discretion.

Dress Code

- Gray (K-2nd), light blue (3rd-5th), or navy blue (6th-8th) polo shirts
 - Short or long sleeves are acceptable.
- Khaki pants, khaki knee-length shorts, or a khaki jumper/skort. (3rd-8th) may also wear navy blue pants and shorts.
 - Black/brown belts should be worn when belt loops on pants or shorts are present.
- Closed-toed tennis shoes
- Navy, black, or white socks/tights

Dress Code Item	Requirements
Shirts	- K-2nd gray polo shirts are the only acceptable uniform shirt. - 3rd-5th light blue polo shirts are the only acceptable uniform shirt. - 6th-8th navy blue polo shirts are the only acceptable uniform shirt. - Shirts must always be tucked in. - T-shirts can be worn under the PSOE school uniform, but no undershirt with sleeves that extend beyond the school shirt can be worn.
Pants	- K-2nd khaki cotton pants are the only acceptable uniform pants. - 3rd-8th khaki or navy blue cotton pants are the only acceptable uniform pants. - Pants must be straight-legged and securely fastened at the waistline with a belt if they contain belt loops. - Pants are not to drag on the ground. - Pedal-pusher, cargo, and capri pants are not allowed. - Pants may not sag, be excessively loose or tight, and may not be rolled up above the ankles. - Must be intact and clean. - No tears, rips, holes, or ink markings.
Skirts/Skorts	- Khaki v-neck jumpers with pleated skirts and khaki pleated skirts are the only acceptable school skirts. - All skirts must be at least mid-thigh (safely below extended fingertips) in length. - Shorts or underskirts should be worn under all skirts.
Shorts	- K-2nd khaki shorts are the only acceptable uniform shorts. - 3rd-8th khaki or navy blue shorts are the only acceptable uniform shorts. - Shorts must be factory hemmed and securely fastened at the waistline with a belt. - No sagging or drooping is acceptable. - Short length must be within three inches of the knees. - Shorts are not acceptable on cold weather days. - Cargo shorts are not allowed.

Leggings/Tights	- May be worn under skorts, jumpers, and skirts. - Must be solid black, white, or navy and free from patterns and designs. - Opaque or solid in color - No tears, rips, or holes (even in decorative nature) - Only one color at a time. Both legs must be matching.
Sweaters/Sweatshirts	- Navy blue zipper or button sweaters and vests are the only acceptable uniform sweaters. - Students may wear the school-approved PSOE crewneck sweatshirt, which is available for purchase. - No sweatshirts, hoodies, or jackets are allowed while in school. - No logos may appear on sweaters or sweater vests. - Students may wear jackets/coats during inclement weather but must remove their jackets/coats upon arrival.
Belts	- Belts must be worn if pants or shorts contain belt loops. - Belts must be black/brown and at least 2 inches in width. - Belts must be leather, synthetic leather, or vinyl and belt buckles must be plain and not oversized or branded.
Shoes	- Shoes must be tennis shoes with non-marking soles. - Shoes must be closed (heel and toe) and sturdy. - Students may wear boots during inclement weather but must change into tennis shoes after arrival to school. UGGs (or similar) cannot be worn throughout the school day. - Crocs (or similar) in "sport mode" (strap covering the heel) are permitted, but Crocs in "relaxed mode" (strap not covering the heel) are considered clogs and are not permitted.
Socks	- All students must wear socks. - Navy blue, white, brown, and black crew socks, calf-length, and knee-high socks are acceptable. - No logos may appear on socks.
Hair/Headwear	- Hair must be neat, clean, and well-groomed. - Hairstyles should not create a safety or health hazard and/or interfere with the academic environment. - Decorations in hair must not be excessive or cause distraction. Any hair decoration that is excessive in size or causing a distraction may be removed at the discretion of the teacher and/or principal. - No hats, except for religious tenets or medical needs, may be worn inside the building. - No bandanas, wave caps, nightcaps, do-rags, cat ears, or headbands with items attached should be worn. - Headbands and hair wraps are permitted, provided they are not distracting.
Jewelry/Body Piercings/Tattoos	- Outside of earrings, no body piercing is permitted. - Tattoos are not permitted. Any temporary tattoos must be removed before the student may attend class. - Jewelry should not dangle or interfere with the academic environment. - Necklaces or chains may not be worn outside the school shirt or jumper. - Stud-style earrings (one per ear) that fasten securely to the ear lobe and do not dangle are permitted. - Bracelets may not be worn outside of a watch.

	- Hair bands, silly bands, and rubber bands should not be worn as accessories. - Rings may be worn if they do not distract from the academic environment. - Any excessive jewelry in size or distraction may be removed at the teacher's and principal's discretion.
Water Bottles	- May be reusable or plastic - May only contain water. Other beverages (juice, sports drinks, water with additives, soda, etc.) can only be consumed during lunchtime. - Must have a secure lid - Teachers may require storing water bottles in a backpack or designated location during the school day.