St. Thomas Aquinas Academy

School Uniform Guide



2026-2027

DRESS CODE

The St. Thomas Aquinas Academy dress code is designed to set students apart as young people who treat their vocation as a student with gratitude and respect. Just as an athlete wears the uniform of his team or a doctor wears the uniform of his profession, a student wears the uniform of his or her school.

The school's goal is to set a dress code that

1. **Creates an atmosphere conducive to diligent study**
2. **Teaches the student to dress with care and dignity**
3. **Affirms the God-ordained differences between men and women**
4. **Is easy for parents to obtain**
5. **Is easy for teachers and staff to enforce.**

Parents should teach their children to not only wear the appropriate dress code items, but also to wear them well. The general principle is not, "What can I get away with?" but instead, "How can I honor the school, my teachers, and my fellow students with my clothing?" Teaching your children how to press their white button-down is a gift of respect the child can give to others.

Please write your name clearly inside each uniform piece, especially in outerwear.

PURCHASING GUIDELINES

GIRLS:

LANDS' END — Girls' P.E. shorts should be purchased from Lands' End, however they are also available on Amazon.

EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS — All girls' uniform items (except for P.E. shorts) should be purchased from **Educational Outfitters (EO),** a local uniform store in Tampa. Our school plaid is the Blue Gold Plaid.

BOYS:

LANDS' END — All polos, khakis (shorts & pants), and P.E. shorts should be purchased from Lands' End on our **Lands' End School Page**. Our school number is 900203472. For further instructions, use this document: How to Order Lands' End Uniforms. Our P.E. shorts are also available on Amazon.

EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS — All other boys' uniform items including outerwear (fleeces & blazers), P.E. shirts, oxford shirts, and ties (Blue Gold Plaid) should be purchased from **Educational Outfitters (EO).**

Items from Lands' End must be ordered online through our Lands' End School Page.
Educational Outfitters is a local uniform store located at 3904-D W Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, FL 33614.

DRESS UNIFORM STANDARDS

Dress Uniform is only for 5th-8th grade. PK-4th grade boys and girls do not have a dress uniform. Students are to follow the Dress Uniform Standards on days that are required. Dress Uniform Days will be on Holy Days of Obligations, certain Solemnities, and when we have special guests. Advance notice will be given.

Dress Uniform For Boys 5th-8th

Includes:

Pants (no shorts), black dress shoes, black dress socks, long or short sleeve button down, tie, blazer, and belt.

Dress Uniform for Girls 5th-8th

Includes:

Standard uniform plus a navy cardigan and dress shoes (mary janes only).



PK - 4TH BOYS

Pants & Shorts

Color: Khaki
Requirements: *Lands' End School Uniform Chino or Performance Pants & Shorts*, woven fabric; **no** corduroy, cargo, knit, or jean. PreK/K may wear elastic pants/shorts not requiring a belt.

Polo

Color: Navy and White
Requirements: *Lands' End Short & Long-sleeve Polo* w/ STA logo; pique or performance. Must be tucked in.

Outerwear: Fleece

Color: Navy
Requirements: *Educational Outfitters (EO) Full-Zip Fleece* w/ STA logo.

5TH - 8TH BOYS

Pants* & Shorts

Color: Khaki
Requirements: *Lands' End Uniform Chino or Performance Pants & Shorts,* *for Dress Uniform; woven fabric; **no** corduroy, cargo, knit, or jean.

Shirts

Color: White
Requirements: *EO Short or Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt* w/STA logo. Must be tucked in.

Outerwear: Blazer* & Fleece

Color: Navy
Requirements: *EO Boys' Navy Blazer,* no logo, *for Dress Uniform; *EO Full-Zip Fleece* w/ STA logo

Neck Tie

Color: Blue Gold Plaid
Requirements: *EO Adjustable Plaid Tie*; standard, no bow ties

BOYS ACCESSORIES

Belt

Color: Black
Requirements: Plain (Belt optional for PK/K)

Socks

Color: White (Black socks with dress shoes for Dress Uniform)
Requirements: No patterns, logos, or characters.

Shoes

Color: Black
Requirements: No patterns, logos, or characters. Athletic shoes (no high-tops) or dress shoes. Close-toed, conservative; no lights, wheels, ostentatious display; no sandals, Crocs-style, slip ons, etc. Black dress shoes required for 5th - 8th for Dress Uniform. If wearing dress shoes, student may change into sneakers for P.E. and recess.

Hair

Requirements: Neat and tidy, combed, cut short enough to be out of eyes and off of ears and collar; no ponytails, mohawks, mullets, man-buns, etc. No unnatural hair colors. No hats.

Miscellaneous

Requirements: No piercings, nail polish, or makeup. One simple religious necklace (2 or fewer: crucifix/Miraculous medal/saint medal) and simple analog wristwatch in neutral, navy, or white permitted for students 1st grade and up (no digital display, alarm/beeping capabilities, watch face no larger than a quarter); no other jewelry. Underwear should be concealed by outer clothing. All clothing should be well-fitting, clean; without holes, stains, or unpleasant odors.



PK - 4th Boy
UNIFORM EXAMPLES



Lands' End
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt
(White/Navy, with STA logo)
(*long sleeve also available*)



Sneakers
(Black)



Lands' End
Elastic Waist Pull On Shorts
(Khaki) (For PK/K only)



Lands' End
Boys Active Performance
Chino Shorts (Khaki)



Lands' End
Iron Knee Blend
Plain Front Chino Pants
(Khaki)



Lands' End
Boys Plain Front
Blend Chino Shorts
(Khaki)



Lands' End
Elastic Waist
Pull-On Chino Pants
(Khaki) (For PK/K only)

5TH - 8TH BOY
UNIFORM EXAMPLES



Educational Outfitters (EO)
Navy Blazer (Dress Uniform)



EO Adjustable Plaid Tie
(Blue Gold Plaid)



EO Short and Long Sleeve
Oxford Dress Shirt
(White, with STA logo)



Lands' End
Iron Knee Blend
Plain Front Chino Pants
(Khaki)



Lands' End
Boys Plain Front
Blend Chino Shorts
(Khaki)



Sneakers
(Solid* - Black)
**Laces, logo, and sole must be black*



Black Dress Shoes
(Dress Uniform)

On Dress Uniform Days, 5th - 8th grade boys will be required to wear pants (no shorts), a blazer, black dress shoes (no sneakers), black dress socks and belt, with their usual oxford button down and tie.

PK - 4TH GIRLS

Plaid Jumper

Color: Blue Gold Plaid
Requirements: *Educational Outfitters (EO) Plaid Box Pleat Jumper*; knee-length; must wear bike/undershorts (navy or black), or tights/leggings (navy, black, or white).

Shirts

Color: White
Requirements: *EO Short or Long-sleeve Peter Pan Collar Shirt*; no logo.

Outerwear: Cardigan & Fleece

Color: Navy
Requirements: *EO Cardigan* w/ STA logo; *EO Full-Zip Fleece* w/ STA logo.

5TH - 8TH GIRLS

Skirts

Color: Blue Gold Plaid
Requirements: *EO Plaid Box Pleated Skirt,* woven fabric; knee-length; must wear bike/undershorts (navy or black), or tights/leggings (navy, black, or white).

Shirts

Color: White
Requirements: *EO Short or Long Sleeve Button-down Dress Shirt* w/STA logo. Must be tucked in with skirt.

Neck Cross Tie

Color: Blue Gold Plaid
Requirements: *EO Adjustable Plaid Cross Tie*

Outerwear: Cardigan* & Fleece

Color: Navy
Requirements: *EO Cardigan* w/ STA logo, *for Dress Uniform; *EO Full-Zip Fleece* w/ STA logo

GIRLS ACCESSORIES

Socks

Color: White
Requirements: Ankle socks or Crew socks folded over. No patterns, logos, or characters.

Shoes

Requirements: Black tennis shoes/sneakers, Mary-Jane style shoes (with strap required), or black and white traditional saddle shoes. Close-toed, conservative; no lights, wheels, high heels, ostentatious display; no sandals, Crocs-style shoes, slip ons, etc. Mary Janes or Saddle Shoes required for 5th - 8th Dress Uniform. If wearing non-sneakers, student may change into sneakers for P.E. and recess.

Hair

Item: Bows, Headbands, and Ribbons
Color: Navy, White, or STA Plaid
Requirements: Neat and tidy, out of eyes and not covering any part of the face, feminine in appearance. No unnatural colors. Hair accessories either neutral colors or school colors; not overly large or distracting as determined by faculty and staff. Hats are not part of uniform and in general should not be worn in building.

Miscellaneous

Requirements: One set of small and appropriate stud earrings, simple religious necklace (crucifix/Miraculous medal/saint medal), and a simple analog wristwatch in neutral, navy, or white permitted for students 1st grade and up (no digital display, alarm/beeping capabilities, watch face no larger than a quarter). No bracelets or other jewelry. Underwear, including bra straps and camisoles, should be completely concealed by outer clothing. All clothing should be well-fitting, clean; without holes, stains, or unpleasant odors.

Undergarments

Requirements: Girls requiring undergarments should wear nude colored undergarments under white shirts to minimize visibility.



PK - 4th Girl
UNIFORM EXAMPLES



Educational Outfitters (EO)
Box Pleat Jumper Dress
(Blue Gold Plaid; knee-length)



EO Short & Long
Sleeve Peter Pan
Collared Shirt (White)



Hair Accessories
Navy, White, Blue/Gold Plaid



EO Cardigan
(Navy, with STA logo)



Bike Shorts
(Black)



Mary Janes (Black) or Saddle Shoes



Sneakers
(Solid* - Black)
**Laces, logo, and sole must be black*

Girls' jumper must hit at the top of the kneecap, no shorter.
If wearing Mary Janes/Saddle shoes, students may bring sneakers to change into for P.E. & recess.

5TH - 8TH GIRL
UNIFORM EXAMPLES



Educational Outfitters (EO)
Short & Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt
(White) with STA logo



Black Mary Janes.
(Required for Dress Uniform)



Sneakers
(Solid* - Black)
**Laces, logo, and sole must be black*



EO Adjustable Plaid
Cross Tie
(Blue Gold Plaid)



EO Navy Cardigan
with STA logo
(Navy; Dress Uniform)



Saddle Shoes
(Another everyday option)



EO Plaid Box Pleated Skirt
(Blue Gold Plaid; knee-length)



Hair Accessories
Navy, White, Blue/Gold Plaid
or neutral/hair color



Bike Shorts
(Black)

Girls' skirts must hit at the top of the kneecap, no shorter.

On Dress Uniform Days, 5th - 8th grade girls will be required to wear their normal uniform with their cardigan and dress shoes (mary janes ONLY). Student can bring sneakers to change into for P.E. and recess.

OUTERWEAR

Boys



Includes:

- EO Full-Zip Navy Fleece
- EO Blue Dress Blazer (5th - 8th only)

Girls



Includes:

- EO Full-Zip Navy Fleece
- EO Navy Blue Cardigan

On cold days, students are permitted to wear non-uniform winter coats outside. Winter coats must be removed when they are inside the building and at church.

P.E. UNIFORMS

All Grades



Lands' End School Uniform
Girls/Boys Mesh Gym Shorts (Navy)
(Available on Amazon)

5TH - 8TH Grade



Educational Outfitters
School P.E. Shirt w/ STA logo



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