

## **Mandatory Uniform Dress Code Policy** The Museum School of Avondale Estates

The mission of The Museum School of Avondale Estates is to inspire students, teachers, and the community to collaborate, to develop strong critical thinking, interpersonal, and academic skills in our students.

Parents/guardians are expected to assist and guide students in **following the mandatory uniform dress code policy**. The dress and appearance of the student should always be neat and proper as it reflects both the home and school. The uniform is a symbol of unity, pride, and excellence.

### **Required School Garments/Learning Expedition Uniform**

- **Light blue TMS logo knit shirt** (must be purchased from Buckhead Uniforms) **and navy bottom** of your choosing. This uniform will be required on learning expedition days, no exceptions. The light blue logo shirt is the only uniform piece your child is required to have; all other uniform choices may be selected from the lists below.

### **Girls Uniform Options**

- **Tops:**
  - Light blue or white Peter Pan blouse (short sleeve and long sleeve, TMS logo optional)
  - Light blue, navy, royal blue or white knit shirt (short sleeve and long sleeve, TMS logo optional)
- **Bottoms:**
  - Plaid jumper, skirt or skort (must be purchased from Buckhead Uniforms)
  - Khaki or navy jumper, skirt, skort, walking shorts or pants (all of the above jumpers, skirts, skorts and shorts must be no shorter than 3" above knee when kneeling) (no knit shirt dresses)
- **Outerwear:**
  - Navy or white cardigan, pullover, or sweater vest (TMS logo optional, no hoodies or sweatshirts)
  - Navy, royal blue or light blue full zip fleece jacket (TMS logo optional)
- **Socks/Shoes:**
  - White or navy crew socks or knee socks (socks must cover ankles-no sport socks with logos), white or navy opaque or cable tights
  - Plain white canvas or leather tennis shoes (no high tops, multiple colors or charms), Keds white/navy saddle sneakers, navy, tan or brown boat shoes and Merrill type mocs, and black, brown or navy Mary Janes (no boots) \* Backless shoes (clogs, Birkenstocks, crocs, e.g.), beach shoes, flip-flops, sports sandals, Heelys are not permitted.
- **Accessories:**
  - Belt-navy stretch or black/brown leather or braided
  - Small necklaces, simple ring, wrist watch, and tiny, plain, non-dangling earrings (no larger than ear lobe and for safety reasons, no hoop earrings) are permitted.
  - Hair accessories in TMS plaid or coordinating colors are permitted, including Lilliband headbands.

### **Boys Uniform Options**

- **Tops:**
  - Light blue, navy, royal blue or white knit shirt (short sleeve and long sleeve, TMS logo optional)
  - Light blue or white button down oxford type shirt (TMS logo optional)
- **Bottoms**
  - Khaki or navy walking shorts (flat front, pleated and simple well-fitting cargo styles are permitted, no lower than bottom of knee)
  - Khaki or navy pants (flat front, pleated and simple well-fitting cargo styles are permitted)
- **Outerwear:**
  - Navy V-neck cardigan, V-neck pullover, crew neck pullover or sweater vest (TMS logo optional, no hoodies or sweatshirts)
  - Navy, royal blue or light blue full zip fleece jacket (TMS logo optional)
- **Socks/Shoes:**
  - White, tan, brown, black or navy crew socks (socks must cover ankles-no logos)
  - Black or brown lace up shoes, tan, brown or navy boat shoes and Merrill type mocs, or plain white canvas or leather tennis shoes (no high or mid-tops, no multiple colors) \* Backless shoes (clogs, Birkenstocks, crocs, e.g.), beach shoes, flip-flops, sports sandals, Heelys are not permitted.

**Boys Uniform Options cont'd**

- **Accessories:**
  - Belt-Navy stretch or black/brown leather or braided
  - TMS plaid tie, wristwatches and simple jewelry within reason are permitted

**Notes and Reminders:**

- TMS plaid uniforms and one required light blue TMS logo shirt **must** be purchased from Buckhead Uniforms. All other items may be purchased either at Buckhead Uniforms or a retailer of your choosing, but must comply with and match the styles and colors put forth in TMS dress code. Buckhead Uniforms will apply heat transfer logos to items bought from their store for \$1.50/item, or \$5.00 for an embroidered logo. They can also apply heat transfer logos to items bought elsewhere for \$5.00/item.
- Please label all of your child's belongings, **especially coats, sweaters, jackets, and cardigans**
- Students can wear outerwear of their choice. However, outerwear must be removed upon entering the classroom. Jackets, sweaters, and cardigans worn during the school day **must** comply with uniform requirements.
- Families that have conflicts with this dress code based on cultural and/or religious practices should bring their concerns to the Principal immediately.
- Students should wear plain white sneakers or Ked's white/navy saddle sneakers (girls only) on designated P.E. days.
- Please replace items that are worn.
- Students are not allowed to wear hats or hoods indoors during the school day.

**Out of Uniform Days**

When an out of uniform day is announced (i.e. Jeans Day, Spirit Day, etc.) students are expected to be neat and well groomed and dressed appropriately.

- Shorts, skirt and skort lengths are to comply with the length guidelines for the school uniform as stated previously under General Uniform Information. Skirts, skorts, shorts and jumpers are to be worn 3 inches from the top of the knee (when kneeling down) or longer.
- Denim jeans or casual slacks are permitted, but should be sized appropriately and should not be torn or worn out.
- Students are not allowed to wear tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, strapless tops, halter tops, mesh or see-through tops or short shorts.
- Students' shoes on an out of uniform day must comply with the guidelines stated in the TMS dress code.

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Please sign and return this portion.

**Parent/Student Agreement:**

Students failing to comply with the dress code will need to have their parents bring them the correct uniform BEFORE being admitted to class. The local school administration reserves the right to make the final judgment regarding uniform, hair appropriateness and jewelry. The administration reserves the right to modify the dress code for special occasions such as expeditions or school spirit days. Repeated violations of the Uniform Dress Code Policy will lead to parent/administration conferences and possibly the students' ineligibility to participate in expeditions and/or related activities.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_