

# UNIFORM POLICY 2025-2026

## STATEMENT OF APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT

Mount de Sales students, while in uniform in public, have a responsibility for their personal conduct and appearance and must remember that their actions reflect upon the school. Students must be in complete uniform daily. Attire must be clean and in good condition at all times.

## SHOES

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UPPER SCHOOL:** Athletic style shoes in solid white, black, gray or any combination of these three colors (including the sole). No other colors are permitted. Shoes must fall below the ankle.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER BOOTS:** Black, brown, tan, gray, or navy only. Acceptable styles are pull-on or lace-up Hunter, Sperry, Crocs, Totes, Cowboy, or "Duck" styles. (Brand label not required) Boots may not be taller than mid-calf.

**\*\*Inclement Weather\*\*** is designated as below freezing and/or raining at any point during the school day.

## CLOTHING

*Previously purchased DENNIS items will be "grandfathered in" through May, 2027.*

**Boys Shorts:** LAND'S END Uniform traditional fit, khaki shorts. Must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee cap.

**Boys Pants:** LAND'S END Uniform khaki, traditional fit, full-length pants.

**Boys Oxford Shirts:** LAND'S END Uniform oxford shirts and polo styles in solid white, light blue or yellow (when available). Shirts must have the MDS emblem. Shirts may be short or long sleeved and must have the MDS emblem. No polo shirts may be worn in upper school. Only the top button may remain open. The collar of all shirts must be visible under all outerwear.

**Boys Sweaters/Sweater Vests:** LAND'S END Uniform navy pullover sweaters, cardigans or sweater vests with the official MDS emblem. The uniform oxford shirt or polo shirt (middle school only) must be worn underneath.

**Girls Pants:** LAND'S END Uniform khaki full-length pants.

**Girls Skirts/Skort:** LAND'S END Uniform navy plaid or khaki skort (grandfathered in no longer available for purchase). Length must reach past the longest fingertips with arms held straight down at the sides.

**Girls Shorts:** LAND'S END Uniform Bermuda / Chino style khaki shorts.

**Girls Oxford and Poplin Shirts:** LAND'S END Uniform shirts in solid white, light blue, or yellow (previous purchase option). Shirts may be short-sleeved,  $\frac{3}{4}$  length, or long-sleeved and must have the MDS emblem. No polo shirts may be worn in upper school. Only the top button may remain open. The collar of all shirts must be visible under all outerwear.

**Girls Sweaters and Sweater Vests:** The LAND'S END Uniform navy blue crew neck cardigan or vest with the MDS emblem may be worn. The official uniform shirt must be worn underneath.

**Socks/Tights/Leggings:** If socks, tights, or leggings are worn they must be plain, solid, white, gray, navy or black with no patterns whatsoever, and no fishnet styles. Only small, inconspicuous logos are allowed. Leggings must extend all the way down the leg to the ankle and be form-fitting (flared leggings, sweatpants and jogging pants are not permitted).

**Socks:** If socks are worn, they must be plain (no patterns) in solid white, black, gray, or navy. Small, inconspicuous logos are allowed.

**Girls and Boys Polo Shirts:** Middle school students may wear the LAND'S END Uniform white, navy or yellow (when available) polo shirts with the MDS emblem.

**Undershirts for all:** Only short-sleeved undershirts in solid white may be worn under short-sleeved uniform shirts. Solid white long sleeved undershirts may only be worn underneath long-sleeved uniform shirts.

**Physical Education uniforms for Middle School:** The physical education uniform for all students will consist of the following: An MDS t-shirt both short and long sleeve t-shirts, athletic style shorts, sweatpants, and/or yoga-style pants these pants may be in following neutral or school colors may be worn navy, gold, black, white, gray. If shorts do not reach the tip the longest fingertips with arms held straight down at the sides then tights must be worn underneath. If yoga style pants are form fitting shorts must be worn over top.

## OUTERWEAR

During the academic day (8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.) only approved outerwear may be worn on campus. All outerwear must have the official Mount de Sales logo or an MDS design that has been approved by the Office of Advancement and/or the Athletic Department. Outerwear may be purchased through LAND'S END Uniform, the Back Porch Campus Store or through our athletic department. MDS approved rain jackets with hoods may be worn during the school day. No cloth hoodies are permitted during the academic day.

### Approved outerwear styles include:

- Items on the official MDS LAND'S END Uniform site
- Pre-approved items sold in the Back Porch Campus Store or MDS approved vendors
- Pre-approved Mount de Sales athletic or literary team jackets
- Navy blue letter jackets from Herff-Jones

## ATHLETIC AND LITERARY GAME DAY WEAR

On days of home games/matches, student athletes may wear an official game-day shirt to school with their uniform bottoms. The approved shirts are ordered by the coach or moderator through the MDS Athletic Director, purchased by parents, and distributed to players by the coaches. All players on the team must be in the same top or the privilege may be rescinded per team by Athletic Director / Dean of the Students.

## ACCESSORIES

**Belts:** Boys must wear canvas or leather belts. Any ornamentation must be small and not call attention to itself.

**Ties/Scarves:** Boys neck ties or bow ties may be worn with the oxford uniform shirt, if tied in the traditional way. If patterned, the tie may only have a subtle and appropriate design. Girl's scarves may only be navy, gold, yellow, light blue, gray, or white or any combination of these colors.

**Jewelry:** Only girls may wear earrings. Earrings must be worn in the earlobes. If outside of ear lobe piercings are present clear studs must be worn at all times during both academic and extracurricular activities. Male students must wear clear studs at all times. If a faculty or staff member deems jewelry to be distracting, it will be confiscated immediately and held until the end of the school day.

## OTHER

**Haircuts for Boys:** Male students will maintain a professional appearance at all times during the school day. Regardless of style, male students are required to ensure that their hair does not obstruct their vision ("Out of the eyes"). If the length of the hair reaches the collar or extends beyond the ear, regardless of style, it must be pulled back or styled in a manner that meets these requirements. Hair color must not call attention to itself. The Dean of Students and the Administration shall continue to foster conversations with stakeholders to ensure the policy is reflective of the Academy's standard of excellence and commitment to serving the student body. Facial hair is not permitted.

**Hairstyles for Girls:** Hair must be clean, neatly shaped, dry and combed. Ornamentation worn in the hair and hair color must not call attention to itself. The administration reserves the right to require that the color or style be modified at any time.

**Body Art:** Tattoos, piercings (other than in girls' earlobes) and drawings on visible skin are not permitted. If present all tattoos must be covered in their entirety and should never be visible on campus. If piercings outside of ear lobe are present clear studs must be worn at all times during both academic and extracurricular activities.

### Spirit Days/Out-Of-Uniform/Dress-up Days:

**School Spirit Days --** Students may wear MDS "Spirit Gear" to school on select Friday's and special events during the school year. Spirit wear includes MDS jerseys, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and outerwear. MDS must be indicated on the shirt or outerwear. Non-MDS shirts and outerwear are not allowed. Cloth hoodies may be worn on Spirit Day. Uniform bottoms and shoes should still be in the dress code.

**Upper School--** On out-of-uniform days, boys are permitted to wear jeans, warm-up pants, or shorts and girls may wear jeans, sweatpants, or shorts. If shorts are worn, leggings or tights must be worn underneath. If jeans have holes or distressed/worn areas, tights must be worn underneath to ensure that skin is not visible (this is true for males and females). Students must wear an MDS t-shirt or sweatshirt unless otherwise announced. All shirts must have sleeves or be worn with a sleeved t-shirt underneath. No midriffs are permitted. The regular jewelry, facial hair, and hat policies remain in effect for out-of-uniform days.

**Middle School--** On out-of-uniform days, boys are permitted to wear jeans, warm-up pants, or shorts and girls may wear jeans, sweatpants, or shorts. If shorts are worn, leggings or tights must be worn underneath. If leggings or yoga pants are worn, shorts must be worn over them. Jeans worn to school may not have any holes or distressed, frayed, or worn areas. Students must wear an MDS t-shirt or sweatshirt unless otherwise announced. All shirts must have sleeves or be worn with a sleeved t-shirt underneath. No midriffs are permitted. The regular jewelry, facial hair, and hat policies remain in effect for out-of-uniform days.