

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY 2022-2023

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

UPPER SCHOOL: Students must wear leather or suede "closed toe and closed heel" style shoes in black, brown, tan or gray. If logos, designs, or trims are present, they must also be these same colors. No canvas, patent leather, or athletic shoes are permitted. Shoes may not extend over the ankle.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Students must wear athletic shoes in navy blue, white, gray or black only. No canvas styles, such as Dudes, Converse, Vans, Toms, or Sketchers are allowed. Brightly colored accents and/or patent leathers are not permitted.

ALL SCHOOL: Rain Boots-Black, brown, tan or navy only--these must be specifically designed for rainy weather, largely made of rubberized waterproof material. Acceptable styles are any pull-on or lace-ups such as the Hunter, Sperry, Crocs, Totes or "Duck" brands. (brand label not required). Boots may not be taller than mid-calf. No other kinds of boots may be worn at any time.

CLOTHING

The official uniform provider is Lands' End. This includes tops, bottoms, and PE gear.

LANDS' END

UPPER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Boys

- **Shorts:** Lands' End traditional fit, khaki shorts with the MDS logo. Must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee cap.
- **Pants:** Lands' End khaki, traditional fit, full-length pants with the MDS logo.
- **Oxford Shirts:** Lands' End oxford shirts and polo styles in solid white, light blue or yellow (when available). Shirts may be short or long sleeved and must have the MDS logo. No polo shirts may be worn in upper school. Only the top button may remain open.
- **Sweaters/Sweater Vests:** Lands' End navy pullover sweater, cardigan or sweater vest embroidered with the official MDS logo. The MDS oxford shirt or polo shirt (middle school only) must be worn underneath.
- **Socks:** If socks are worn they must be plain with no patterns in solid white, black, gray, or navy. Only small, inconspicuous logos are allowed.

Girls

- **Pants:** Lands' End khaki full-length pants with the MDS logo.
- **Skort:** Lands' End navy plaid or khaki skort. Length must reach past the longest fingertips with arms held straight down at the sides.
- **Shorts:** Lands' End Bermuda style khaki shorts with the MDS logo.
- **Oxford and Poplin Shirts:** Lands' End 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 logo. No polo shirts may be worn in upper school. Only the top button may remain open.
- **Sweaters and Sweater Vests:** May wear the Lands' End navy blue crew neck cardigan or vest. The official MDS oxford shirt must be worn underneath. The approved style must have the MDS logo.
- **Socks/Tights/Leggings:** If socks, tights, or leggings are worn they must be plain, solid, white, gray, navy or black with no patterns whatsoever. Only small, inconspicuous logos are allowed. Tights/leggings must extend all the way down the leg. If leggings are cropped above the ankle, socks must be worn over them so no skin is visible.

Girls and Boys Polo Shirts: Middle school students may wear the Lands' End white, navy or yellow (when available) polo shirts.

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: Official Mount de Sales P.E. uniform items from Lands' End must be worn for all physical education and fitness and conditioning courses. These include both short and long sleeve t-shirts, shorts, sweat pants and yoga-style pants. No other athletic garments may be worn for physical education classes.

OUTERWEAR (Jackets, Rain Gear, Fleece Pullovers, & Sweatshirts)

UPPER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the academic day (8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.) only approved outerwear may be worn on campus. All outerwear must have a solid navy blue body, with the exception of the heather gray official sweatshirt/hoodie. Jacket-style outerwear may be full zip, half-zip, or quarter zip. Outerwear may have a hood, but the hood may not be worn inside any building at any time. Uniform shirts must be worn underneath all outerwear with the collar visible. Logos may not be larger than 1.5" in any dimension. Sweaters are not considered outerwear. Any sweaters worn must be purchased from Lands' End or Herff-Jones.

Approved outerwear styles include:

- Items on the official MDS Lands' End site
- Mount de Sales athletic or literary team jackets
- Navy blue letter jackets/sweaters from Herff-Jones
- Jackets/coats in solid navy blue of any brand (if accent colors are present they must be white or gold and may not involve more than 20% of the jacket).
- The official Cavalier crew neck gray sweatshirt or hoodie sold in the Back Porch Campus Store. No other sweatshirts may be worn.

ACCESSORIES

UPPER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Belts:** Boys must wear solid black or brown leather belts. Belts may not have ornamentation of any kind.
- **Scarves:** Girls scarves must be solid navy, gold, yellow, light blue, gray, or white or any combination of these colors.
- **Ties:** Boys neck ties or bow ties may be worn with the oxford uniform shirt, if tied in the traditional manner. The ties must be solid navy blue, light blue, yellow, gold, or white or any combination of these 5 colors. If patterned, the tie may only have a subtle and appropriate design.
- **Jewelry:** Necklaces must be worn inside the shirt. No beaded, leather or large-link style necklaces are allowed. Only girls may wear earrings. Only one earring per ear is permitted, and the earrings must be worn in the earlobes. The diameter of the earrings may be no larger than one inch, whether they are studs, hoops, or ornamentation on a chandelier-style earring. In addition, the total length of drop-style earrings may be no longer than 2.5 inches. 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

UPPER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Haircuts

- **Boys:** Hair must be clean, neatly shaped, dry and combed. Regardless of style, hair must be cut above the eyebrows in front, must not touch the shirt or jacket collar, and may only extend halfway down the ear. Fad haircuts and shaved heads are not permitted. The length of any part of the hair extended in any direction may not be longer than 4 inches total. Unnatural colors are not allowed. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear. Facial hair is not permitted.
- **Girls:** Hair must be clean, neatly shaped, dry and combed. Ornamentation worn in the hair must not call attention to itself. Fad styles and unnatural colors are not permitted. The administration reserves the right to require boys and girls to modify the shape, color, length or style at any time.

Body Art: Tattoos, piercings (other than in girls' earlobes) and drawings on visible skin are not permitted.

Out-Of-Uniform/Dress-up Days: On out-of-uniform days, boys are permitted to wear jeans, warm-up pants, or shorts and girls may wear either jeans or shorts, skorts, or skirts with leggings or tights worn underneath. If jeans have distressed/worn areas, tights must be worn underneath so as to ensure that skin is not visible. Warm-up pants and yoga type pants must have shorts worn over them. 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.

Game Day Attire: On days of home games/matches, student athletes may wear their official team jerseys or game-day shirts to school with their uniform bottoms. Members of teams with sleeveless uniforms will be permitted to wear a solid white or navy t-shirt underneath the jersey. Team game day shirts must be pre-approved by administration and ordered by the coach. Game day shirts must be either a collared polo or a dry-fit fabric t-shirt (in navy, gold, gray, or white) with the official school logo.