



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

(From the Student Handbook - Revised Summer 2023)

Uniforms help support group identity and common purpose. We ask parents to assist us and ensure that students wear the school uniform appropriately. The school program includes a great deal of movement, and students should dress prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities, considering weather conditions.

Clothing must be clean, in good condition, and fitted appropriately. The Assistant Heads of Lower and Upper School are the final arbiters of what is appropriate. Students may only wear non-TASIS outerwear to and from school. Once students enter the school, they must be in approved TASIS uniform, including outerwear. This includes during recess, lunch, and after-school activities.

Students not in proper TASIS uniform will be required to purchase appropriate wear in the School Shop (the School Shop will invoice parents). Alternatively, parents can deliver uniform items to school before students are permitted to return to class.

TASIS Portugal uniform items must be purchased at the School Shop. We encourage parents to apply labels with the child's name on all items in case of loss. Non-athletic uniform items are needed for school photos and special events.

Shoes

Shoes must be conservative, safe, appropriate for the activity, and not distracting. Dress shoes and athletic shoes are acceptable for most daily school activities. Parents should keep in mind that the children will be playing outside in these shoes, often several times a day. Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes for their P.E. lessons. Boots are acceptable to protect from weather; however, regular shoes should be worn indoors. Ugg-style boots, high heels, and open-toed sandals are not permitted.

Socks and Tights

Students may wear socks or tights that are solid in color: red, blue, black, grey, or white, some available in the School Shop. Students must wear leggings, tights, or bicycle shorts under skirts or dresses. Bicycle shorts may not be worn alone.

Accessories

We ask that children avoid accessories with visible brand names or attention-grabbing bright colors. Accessories should be conservative, safe, and not distracting:

- Jewelry is discouraged for reasons of safety and loss;
- Only small stud-type earrings are permitted;
- Body piercings and tattoos are not permitted;
- Hair must be a natural-toned color;
- Hats may not be worn indoors;
- School bags should fit in lockers or cubbies.

“Free Dress” Days: Non-Uniform Dress Guidelines

On free dress Fridays (typically the last Friday of each month), students may donate to the designated charity and wear non-TASIS uniform clothing. The clothes should be clean, respectful, and conservative. Jeans without rips are permitted. Please review the guidelines below:

Shoes

Students will still need to wear shoes that are suitable for P.E. class. Ugg-style boots, high heels, and open-toed sandals are not permitted.

Accessories

The same guidelines as stated in the School Uniform Policy apply on “Free Dress” days.

The following may *not* be worn:

- Hats;
- Sandals, heels, shoes without backstraps;
- Frayed or torn clothing;
- Strapless tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or tank tops/tops that do not cover the torso;
- Clothing with political, racist, misogynistic, or otherwise inappropriate logos, language, or pictures;
- Again, we ask that families assist us in ensuring students comply with these guidelines before a student arrives at school on a “Free Dress” day.

Noncompliance may result in parents being called to bring a change of clothes to school or loss of “Free Dress” privileges.

House T-Shirts

All students in first grade and up are in a House and should have a House t-shirt for special events throughout the year and on House Colors Day (typically the first Wednesday of every month).

Early Learning Center Specific Guidelines (Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten)

For days on which there are athletic activities and/or P.E., children must wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Athletic wear is acceptable most days. Rain boots and waterproof clothing must be kept at school.

Forest School Dress

Rain boots and waterproof clothing should be worn to Forest School every Friday B when appropriate.

Spare Clothes for Children in the ELC

Families must provide spare school uniforms and underwear that will be kept at school. If a child has an accident and does not have spare clothes at school, a new uniform from the School Shop will be provided. The School Shop will invoice the parents.

Elementary School Specific Guidelines

P.E. uniforms must be worn for P.E. classes. Students in 1st through 5th grades may wear their P.E. uniform only on days when there is P.E.. A change of clothes should be provided during the Winter season.

Middle School Specific Guidelines

P.E. uniforms must be worn for PE classes. Students may choose to wear TASIS tracksuits, TASIS T-shirts, and shorts/skorts/leggings. Middle school students may wear P.E. uniforms only on days when they have P.E. Leggings, purchased from the school store, may also be worn during P.E. or beneath skirts. Students must wear leggings, tights, or bicycle shorts under skirts or dresses.

High School Specific Guidelines

Only high school students are permitted to wear clothes from the Heritage Line. Leggings are no longer part of the regular High School uniform. Students are only allowed to wear P.E. clothing (including TASIS branded leggings) during sport and Health and Fitness. After their last class, high school students should change into TASIS P.E. clothing for athletic after-school activities.