

School Uniform Policy

Building Pride, Stylishly.

Our founder, Mrs. Fleming, believed in beauty and goodness as core values. We adopted those same themes in selecting our school uniforms. We believe our students should look sharp, but not identical. We partnered with <u>trotinete</u>, the largest uniform manufacturer in Portugal, to design and produce our beautiful and functional school attire, selecting a variety of both sporty and more formal looks, crafted from the finest (machine washable) fabrics. We had a hand in designing each piece, including the addition of our school crest on the buttons!

Uniforms help support group identity and common purpose. We ask families to assist us and ensure that our students wear the school uniform appropriately. The school day includes a great deal of movement, and students should dress prepared for both indoor and outdoor activity, considering weather conditions. Clothing must be clean and in good condition.

Our (newly renovated!) school store will reopen for business in August for fitting and purchases.

To ensure return of missing items, parents should apply labels with the child's name on all uniform items.

The Assistant Head, Academics is the final arbiter of what is appropriate.

All Students

We ask that children avoid accessories with visible brand names or attentiongrabbing, bright colors. All TASIS Portugal uniform items should be purchased at the school store (excluding socks and shoes).

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. Boots of all kinds 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. Parents should keep in mind that the children will be playing outside in these shoes, often several times a day.

Socks & Tights

Students may wear socks or tights (girls) that are solid in color: blue, black, grey, or white.

Accessories

- 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 be worn *outdoors*
- School bags should fit in lockers

Specific Guidelines per Grade Levels

Early Learning Center (Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten)

For days on which there are athletic activities and/or PE, children must wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Rain boots and waterproof clothing must be kept at school. TASIS Portugal will have a spare set of clothing for children to borrow in case of an accident, but parents should send children with an extra set of socks and underwear in a bag labeled with their child's name. (See <u>separate policy</u> regarding shoes for the ELC.)

Elementary School

Athletics/PE: PE uniform must be worn for PE classes. Students in Pre-K through grade 4 may wear their PE uniform all day on days when there is PE.

School Pictures / Special Events (e.g., TASIS Speaks) – PE uniforms are not acceptable for these special events.

Middle School

Fittingly, our middle school students have more options and more mature pieces. Only middle school students are permitted to wear the TASIS Portugal blazer and the Middle School tie.

Middle school students are expected to change for PE. Boys and girls may choose to wear the TASIS Portugal warm-up suits, TASIS Portugal T-shirts, and shorts/skorts. When PE is in the morning, students should arrive at school in PE clothes, and change back into their regular uniforms after class. When PE is in the afternoon, students will change into PE clothes at lunch time, and stay in PE clothes for the remainder of the day.

"Free Dress" Days

On designated days in the calendar, students may elect to wear non-TASIS-uniform clothing. The clothes should be clean, respectful, and conservative. Jeans without rips are permitted.

Non-Uniform Dress Guidelines

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 **<u>not</u>** be worn:

- \cdot Hats
- \cdot Sandals, heels, shoes without back straps
- · Frayed or torn clothing
- · Low-cut tops or dresses
- · Strapless tops, halter tops, or tank tops/tops that do not cover the torso
- \cdot Clothing with inappropriate logos, language, or pictures

As always, 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.

We are linking our "Free Dress" days to our school's efforts in fundraising for local charities. While it is optional, we encourage students to donate $1 \in$ on every free dress day that will go to a very worthy cause – <u>Ajuda de Berço</u>.