

# Uniform Basics



AMSA requires its students to wear uniforms. It is the family's responsibility to provide a full Academic and Physical Education uniform for each student who attends AMSA. Families who demonstrate financial need should contact AMSA's Business Manager, Liana McLaren, for information about financial assistance with uniform purchasing at [lmclaren@amsacs.org](mailto:lmclaren@amsacs.org). Adjustments may be made to accommodate religious or medical requirements. Please contact the appropriate Dean of Students for more information. A full explanation of AMSA's uniform policies can be found in the student handbook. A quick reference poster is available [here](#).

## SHIRTS (Academic)

All students must wear either a plain button down shirt in either white, light blue or navy blue (available from any vendor/retail store) OR wear the AMSA Uniform Polo shirt, available only from AMSA approved vendors Land's End ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) - school number 900103235) or US Sports and Apparel/Embroidery Unlimited ([amsaschooluniform.ussportsandapparel.com](http://amsaschooluniform.ussportsandapparel.com)).

## PANTS (Academic)

Students must wear plain khaki pants (tan or navy blue), made from khaki material only (tan denim or brown leggings do not comply with the policy). Some suggested pants that comply with the policy can be found on the last page of this document.

## SHORTS (Academic)

Students must wear plain khaki shorts (tan or navy blue), made from khaki material only and must have a minimum 4" in seam (tan denim or brown leggings do not comply with the policy). Some suggested shorts that comply with the policy are on the last page of this document.

## SKIRTS (Academic)

Students must wear plain khaki skirts (tan or navy blue), made from khaki material only. These are available from variety of vendors and from Land's End ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) - school number 900103235).

## SHOES (Academic)

May be any style or color, but no open-toe (e.g., flip-flops, jellies, open-toe mules, etc.), no slippers, fur-lined moccasins or crocs. Heels must be shorter than 2.5 inches and boots may not go above the knee.

## PE UNIFORM

Students must wear either the dry fit polo or the cotton polo bought only from Lands End with the AMSA logo on it. Students are allowed to buy their own activewear pants in Navy blue only as long as their are no big logos or big lettering down the length of the pants. Students must wear sneakers to class and should not wear boots, slippers, Uggs, Crocs, moccasins or any open toed footwear.

## COOLER WEATHER

In classroom layering options include a variety of fleeces, sweaters and sweatshirts and can be purchased from AMSA approved vendors Land's End ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) - school number 900103235) or US Sports and Apparel/Embroidery Unlimited ([amsaschooluniform.ussportsandapparel.com](http://amsaschooluniform.ussportsandapparel.com)).

*It is strongly suggested that each family purchase at least one classroom layer and the long sleeve version of the AMSA Uniform polo shirt.*

## DRESS DOWN AND SPIRIT DAYS

Occasionally, AMSA will hold "Dress Down Days" when students are not required to wear the academic or PE uniform and "Spirit Days" when students may wear clothing that represents their AMSA clubs and/or sports teams. The cost for these days are covered as part of the yearly class dues.

Typically, Dress Down Days occur on the last Friday of each month and Spirit Days occur on scheduled half days. Students who are not dressed appropriately for a Dress Down Day will be expected to fix the violation immediately or receive consequences, at the discretion of the Dean of Students, that may include warning letters, detentions, or a call home to a family member to bring in clothing items.

### **The following additional rules apply on Dress Down Days:**

Dress down days will be announced beginning in September and will typically be the last Friday of each month. Students do not need to wear an approved AMSA uniform on dress down days, however clothing should still comply with the rules listed under the section "Presentation of Uniform/Clothing" in this handbook. No inappropriate slogans or images are allowed (including but not limited to references to weapons, drugs or alcohol, curse words, sexual or racial slang).

### **The following additional rules apply on Spirit Wear Days:**

Spirit wear days generally occur on scheduled half-days. Students may wear shirts or layers associated with AMSA clubs, activities and/or sports teams. Students are expected to adhere to uniform expectations for pants/shorts and shoes.

## UNIFORM FAQs

**Q: What if my polo shirts I ordered do not arrive in time for the start of school?**

**A:** Students whose polo shirts have not arrived should wear plain button down shirts in either white, light blue or navy blue. These can be purchased from any vendor/retail store.

**Q: I purchased AMSA sports team/spirit wear apparel. Can I wear that as part of the uniform?**

**A:** No, AMSA spirit wear is not allowed to be worn on regular days. AMSA Spirit Wear may be worn on Spirit Wear days and Dress Down days only.

**Q: Can I wear a non-uniform jacket or other layer at any point during the school day?**

**A:** Non-uniform jackets or other layers may be worn only if a student is going outside of the buildings. These items must be immediately removed upon arriving to class. At no other point are non-uniform jackets or other layers allowed to be worn at school. It is expected that these items will be stored in student lockers when they are not needed.

**Q: Can I have the AMSA uniform logo embroidered on items purchased from other vendors?**

**A:** No. The AMSA uniform logo cannot be reproduced by any other company except the authorized vendors listed on the AMSA website and within this document.

**Q: If my student is cold in the classroom, what should I do? Can my student wear anything under the polo shirt?**

**A:** In the classroom, layering options include a variety of fleeces, sweaters, quarter zips and sweatshirts that can be purchased from AMSA approved vendors Land's End ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) - school number 900103235) or US Sports and Apparel/Embroidery Unlimited ([amsaschooluniform.ussportsandapparel.com](http://amsaschooluniform.ussportsandapparel.com)).

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**Q: If my student is an athlete and they are dressing up for school for a game that day, what is allowed under AMSA's uniform policy?**

**A:** Some athletes dress for games and we allow students to dress "up" but it should be in AMSA approved uniform pieces. Some examples of that could be:

- A navy blue blazer, white, light blue or navy button down collared shirt and tie, along with the school approved khaki pants or dress pants of the same color blazer(navy).
- Any of the approved layers ([www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) - school number 900103235) with a white, navy or light blue button down collared shirt and tie/without a tie.
- Ties can be any color but please keep appropriate and tasteful.

## Suggested items that comply with AMSA policy

*Click links below.*

### **Female Shorts:**

[Old Navy](#)

[Old Navy](#)

[Lands' End](#)

[Gap](#)

### **Female Pants:**

[Old Navy](#)

[Old Navy](#)

[Old Navy](#)

[Lands' End](#)

### **Men's Shorts:**

[Old Navy](#)

[Old Navy](#)

[Lands' End](#)

[Lands' End](#)

### **Men's Pants:**

[Old Navy](#)

[Old Navy](#)

[Lands' End](#)