

BISHOP O’GORMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL – 6th GRADE UNIFORM POLICY

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At the core of our uniform policy is the belief that a student's sense of identity should be grounded in faith, character, and Christian dignity rather than outward appearance. Our goal is to support parents in choosing styles for their children that promote the virtue of modesty. This policy aims to manifest a visible expression of self-respect, rooted in dignity and reverence for God. By doing so, it seeks to eliminate the distractions of dress competition and fashion, fostering an atmosphere that encourages students to embrace the individuals God has created them to be. Uniforms are mandatory on all regular school days, with exceptions made for specified dress up/down days determined by the administration.

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Pants: Pants must be navy blue in color, hemmed, appropriately sized, and worn at the natural waistline. Cargo pants, pants made from fleece material, sweatpants, etc. are not allowed. Preschool - 2nd grade girls may wear navy blue stretch pants. Pants following these guidelines may be purchased from local vendors or the Dennis Uniform Company.

Shirts: Shirts must be solid white shirts of any style and sleeve length with a collar or turtleneck. All shirts must be tucked in. No decorations, logos, writing, t-shirts, undershirts, or tank tops are allowed. T-shirts worn underneath collared shirts must be white. Shirts following these guidelines may be purchased through local vendors or the Dennis Uniform Company.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Fleece: Navy blue pull-over or cardigan sweaters may be ordered through local vendors or Dennis Uniform Company. Royal blue sweatshirts, navy blue fleece jackets, and navy blue quarter-zips with school logos are available for purchase through the school. Sweatshirts, fleece, and quarter-zips without a school logo are not allowed. A white collared shirt or a turtleneck must be worn under sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece, and quarter-zip jackets.

Shorts/Capris: Navy blue walking shorts and navy blue capris may be worn from the start of school to October 31 and again beginning April 1st through the last day of school. Styles should be the same as uniform pants and worn at the natural waistline. Shorts must be longer than fingertips when arms are extended. Shorts and capris may be purchased through local vendors or the Dennis Uniform Company.

Skirts/Jumpers/Skorts: Optional uniform plaid skirts or jumpers in royal blue plaid are available only through the Dennis Uniform Company. Navy blue skirts/skorts may be purchased through local vendors or the Dennis Uniform Company. Skirts, jumpers, and skorts must extend to the top of the knee (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee). Solid colored black, white, and navy blue leggings and/or stretch pants may be worn with skirts, jumpers, and skorts.

Shoes: Only tennis shoes (leather or canvas) are allowed. Socks or tights must be worn.

Hair: Hair must be a natural color. Extreme haircuts and hair styles are not allowed (per administrative discretion). All students must wear their hair so it is out of their eyes. Boys' hair length cannot exceed the bottom of the collar, be touching the shoulders, or be worn in a ponytail or bun. An exemption based on race, religion or national origin will be considered for hair length and style. Application for this exemption must take place at the time of initial enrollment. Contact administration for the exemption process.

Other: If worn, belts should be a solid, neutral color. Jewelry should not be excessive. Makeup, body piercings, and visible tattoos are not allowed. Earrings and finger nail polish for boys are not allowed. Boys need to be clean shaven.

General: Some clothing fringes on violating the intent of the uniform policy. Since we are unable to list all exceptions to the uniform policy, we ask for student and parent cooperation by wearing styles congruent with the intended dress code. Dress down attire must be appropriate and any exceptions to policy must be approved (i.e. theme days for Catholic Schools Week).

Alternative Dress: On specified occasions, students have the option of dressing down or dressing up from the regular dress code. These days will be announced in advance and must be pre-approved. The following regulations apply on these days:

- No offensive writing on the shirts/blouses.
- Shirts/blouses must cover the midriff and shoulders, and must be long enough to be tucked in.
- No tank tops or spaghetti strap shirts.
- No frayed, tattered, or torn clothing.
- Skirts and dresses must extend to the top of the knee (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee).
- Shorts must be longer than fingertips when arms are extended.
- Socks or tights must be worn.
- Leggings are not allowed to be worn as pants; however, they may be worn under skirts (students in K-2nd grade may wear stretch pants).
- Administrator discretion will be applied to identify appropriate attire.

O’GORMAN JUNIOR HIGH UNIFORM POLICY

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Adherence to this dress code is mandatory on all regular school days, with exceptions made for specified dress up/down days determined by the administration. The success of our dress code policy relies on the shared responsibility of students, parents, and faculty in its enforcement. We appreciate the collaborative efforts of everyone involved in upholding this standard, as it contributes to the overall well-being and positive atmosphere of our school community. Thank you for your commitment to creating an environment where every student can flourish in their unique identity.

Hair

Hair must be a natural color. Hair must be neat and clean in appearance and must not be a distraction to others. Extreme haircuts and hair styles will not be allowed. Students are not allowed to have words, insignias, etc., shaved in any part of their hair. Hair length for male students must not exceed the bottom edge of the collar or be touching the shoulders. Hair must be worn so it is out of the eyes. Sideburns must not extend below the ear lobe. Males are not allowed to have their hair in a ponytail or bun. An exemption based on race, religion or national origin will be considered for hair length and style. Application for this exemption must take place at the time of initial enrollment at O’Gorman Jr. High School. Contact administration for the exemption process.

Pants

Colors for pants may be khaki or navy blue. Colors for pants may range from light tan to brown, those colors typically considered khaki. This does not include black, gray, rust, maroon, or green. In addition, pants that contain extra zippers or pockets will not be in compliance. Cargo pants do not comply with the uniform policy. The intended style of pants is that of a dress pant, flat or pleated front. Pants made of fleece material, sweatpants, etc. are not allowed. Pants must be the appropriate size for the individual and worn at the waist. Leg length must also be appropriate for the individual. Pants must be hemmed. Pants with frayed ends on the legs are not allowed. Any pants that have belt loops must be worn with a belt. Pants must not be altered by removing belt loops. Acceptable dress pants may be purchased anywhere; however, the recommended style of pant is that of a navy or khaki twill or chino uniform pant.

Shorts/Skirts

Khaki or navy-blue walking shorts of twill may be worn from the starting date of school to October 31 and from April 1 through the last day of school. Styles should be the same as the uniform pants guidelines. In determining appropriate length, a student may hold their arms at their sides; the length of the garment must be at least to the bottom of the student's longest finger. Shorts must be the appropriate size for the individual and will be worn at the waist. Any shorts that have belt loops must be worn with a belt. Shorts must not be altered by removing belt loops. Girls may wear the uniform skirt at any time during the year. The uniform skirt must be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company.

Capris

Girls may wear khaki or navy blue capris from the starting date of school to October 31 and from April 1 through the last day of school. All other "pants" guidelines apply regarding capris.

Shirts

Solid navy and white collared polo shirts are required as part of the uniform at O'Gorman Junior High. Polo shirts must have a true collar and must be of sufficient length to be tucked in while sitting, standing, or walking. Polo shirts must have sleeves and cannot have writing on them beyond small insignias or logos. T-shirts worn underneath the polo shirts must be solid white or navy blue. Small logos will be allowed on polo shirts.

Sweaters/Quarter Zips

Solid navy and white sweaters and quarter-zips with a small insignia or logo may be worn as part of the school uniform. If a sweater or quarter-zip is worn, a solid white or navy blue polo shirt with a collar must be worn underneath.

Uniform Sweatshirt

A designated O'Gorman Junior High uniform sweatshirt may be worn as part of the school uniform. If the uniform sweatshirt is worn, a white or navy blue polo shirt with a collar must be worn underneath.

Shoes

Shoes must have a hard sole and be intended for outdoor wear. Shoes must have a back. Open toe shoes, crocs, flip flops, boots, and slippers are not allowed. Shoes must be fully laced and tied at all times. All students must wear socks.

Physical Education Clothing

Shirts may be any white or light gray O'Gorman t-shirt. PE uniform shorts must be purchased through O'Gorman Junior High School. These shorts are also worn for students involved in athletics for game competitions. Socks and tennis shoes are required.

Activities Wear/Special Events Wear

On various occasions, students may wear an approved activity shirt/jersey during the school day. The activity shirt/jersey worn must be the same from all students involved in that particular activity and can only be worn during the set activity season. Shirts worn underneath special event wear must be white or blue. Depending on the nature of the shirt/jersey, students may be required to tuck the shirt/jersey in. Other regular dress down rules apply. Coaches and advisors are responsible for coordinating the special events wear for their group and must receive administration approval for any special events wear.

Alternative Dress Opportunities/Dress Down Days

On specified occasions, students have the option of dressing down from the regular dress code. These days will be announced and must be pre-approved. Student attire must be modest, and appropriate (size and nature of the clothing) for the school environment. Alternative clothing will be provided if the spirit of the dress-down day is not honored.

- All shoe guidelines must be followed. Socks must be worn.
- No bare shoulders, midriffs, or cleavage
- No offensive writing or symbols on clothing
- No frayed, tattered, or torn clothing
- No hats/caps or bandanas
- Shorts length (Only during designated seasonal times of the year) In determining appropriate length, a student may hold their arms at their sides; the length of the garment must be at least to the bottom of the student's longest finger.
- No spandex workout pants (yoga pants) or leggings
- Shirts that include buttons must be fully buttoned even if worn with a camisole or undershirt
- Pajamas are not allowed unless it is specifically mentioned.

General

- Males are expected to be clean shaven and are not allowed earrings or fingernail polish.
- All clothing must fit appropriately.
- Females are allowed to wear earrings, although excessive ear piercings are not allowed.
- Items such as nose rings or tongue rings for either gender are not allowed.

Being unable to list all exceptions to the uniform code, students and parents are asked to cooperate by wearing clothing styles congruent with the *intended* uniform policy. Alternative clothing will be provided if there is a violation of the uniform code.

O’GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

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Pants

The intended style of pants is that of a dress pant. Pants made of fleece material, sweatpants, etc. are not allowed. Pants must be the appropriate size and length for the individual. Pants must be hemmed. Pants with frayed ends on the legs are not allowed. Pants must be worn at the waist, and any pants that have belt loops must be worn with a belt. Pants that contain extra zippers or pockets will not be allowed. Cargo pants are not allowed. Pants must not be altered by removing belt loops. Belts need to be neutral in color. Colors for pants may range from light tan to brown, those colors typically considered khaki. This does not include black, gray, rust, pink, maroon or green. Shorts are not part of the O’Gorman High School dress code. Acceptable dress pants may be purchased anywhere; however, the preferred style of pant is that of a khaki twill or chino uniform pant.

Shirts

Long and short sleeve polo style shirts will be considered the primary shirt. Polo style shirts must have a true collar and must be of sufficient length to be tucked in while sitting, standing, or walking. Polo style shirts must have sleeves and cannot have writing on them beyond small insignias and logos. Solid colored quarter zips with a small insignia or logo may be worn with a polo underneath. A polo must be worn under all sweaters unless the sweater has a mock turtleneck or turtleneck collar. A blue or grey crewneck sweatshirt is available for purchase in the fall. This special ordered OGHs sweatshirt does not require a polo shirt to be worn underneath.

Shoes

Students are to wear solid colored black, brown, or grey shoes with only minimal accenting. Shoes must have a back. Open-toe shoes, clogs, flip-flops, boots, and slippers are not allowed. Shoes are to be clean and neat. If shoes have laces, they must be fully laced.

Activity Wear

On various occasions students may wear an approved activity shirt during the school day. This special events wear applies to shirts only. Other regular dress code policy rules apply. Coaches and advisors are responsible for coordinating the special events wear for their group. Outerwear of any kind (including warm-up jackets and/or hooded sweatshirts) is not acceptable for special events wear. The administration must be notified of and approve any special events wear. Teams not adhering to these guidelines will forfeit the privilege to wear activity shirts for their organization or team.

Dress Up Days

Activity groups may request the opportunity to dress up on a day prior to state competition or a state qualifying competition. The activity director/coach must request permission from administration in advance for the opportunity to dress up. Dress up guidelines for these days include the following expectations:

1. Shoes will be dress code or better
2. Dresses or skirts will be knee length or longer.
3. Shirt will be either a dress shirt or polo shirt and will be tucked in.
4. Pants will be dress code or better.
5. No bare shoulders or midriffs.

Dress Down Days

On specified occasions, students have the option of dressing down from the regular dress code policy. These days will be announced in advance and must be pre-approved. Prior to scheduling a "Dress Down Day," a faculty supervisor must contact administration for approval. The following regulations apply to these days:

- Dress attire must be modest and appropriate (size and nature of the clothing) for the school environment.

The following are examples of inappropriate dress for the school environment:

- Bare shoulders or midriffs
- Offensive writing or symbols on clothing
- Frayed, tattered or torn clothing
- Hats/caps or bandanas
- Exposed cleavage
- Short skirts/dresses/shorts
- Spandex workout pants (yoga pants) or leggings unless worn under a dress or tunic
- Pajamas (unless specifically mentioned)
- Regular dress code guidelines apply to piercings and facial hair on these days
- Platform shoes/boots & fishnet stocking

Overall Appearance

Being unable to list all expectations to the dress code policy, students and parents are asked to cooperate by wearing clothing styles congruent with the intended dress code policy. Some specific expectations include:

- Males are to be clean shaven and are not allowed to have earrings.
- Excessive ear piercings are not allowed.
- Items such as nose rings, tongue rings, and/or body piercing for either gender are not allowed.
- Tattoos must be concealed.