Uniform Policy

The Boys' Latin of Philadelphia ("Boys' Latin" or "the school") uniform teaches students how to prepare for college and career success and serves as a symbolic picture of belonging to the Boys' Latin brotherhood. Uniforms are mandatory for all students and must be worn during school and all school-related activities, unless otherwise authorized by the principal. Students are required to arrive at school and school-related activities in uniform. The school checks each student to confirm adherence to the uniform policy upon the student's arrival at school. No student may attend class out of uniform. If a student is out of uniform, they may be required to return home to get into full uniform before returning to school.

Flynn O'Hara is the school's official uniform provider. If purchasing elsewhere, please contact the school first for guidance. Only uniforms purchased from Flynn O'Hara are guaranteed to be acceptable. Uniforms must fit properly and may not be tattered, discolored, or ripped at the seams.

For regulations regarding labs, sports, or other special circumstances, modifications to this uniform policy or other guidance will be provided by the principal.

Students are not permitted to wear:

- Outerwear during the school day.
- Sweatshirts, including hoodies, or sweaters.
- Pants that are not khaki in color, including sweatpants.
- Bandanas, hats, or any head covering (unless given permission for religious/medical reasons).
- Shorts.

Please note that students are not allowed to wear Boys' Latin outerwear, including sweatshirts. The principal may designate days on which wearing Boys' Latin outerwear is allowed and will communicate any such dates to students and their parents/guardians.

Any student required to alter or modify the uniform for religious reasons must submit a signed letter from their parent/guardian to the principal by the end of the conclusion of the first full week of school. Students whose religion prohibits their pants from touching the ground may have their pants hemmed to an appropriate length.

Boys' Latin reserves the right to modify this policy during the school year.

High School Uniform:
Summer Uniform:
From the first day of school through the last school day of September and from the first school day following spring break through the last day of school, students in grades nine through 12 must wear a short-sleeve maroon Boys' Latin polo shirt, khaki dress pants, black belt, black dress socks, and black dress shoes.

From the first school day of October through the last school day before spring break, students in grades nine through 12 must wear a navy Boys' Latin blazer or cardigan, long-sleeve blue oxford shirt, Boys' Latin

navy/maroon striped tie or Boys' Latin college acceptance tie, khaki dress pants, black belt, black dress socks, and black dress shoes.

If students find themselves to be uncomfortably cold while wearing the short-sleeve maroon Boys' Latin polo shirt, they may instead wear the Boys' Latin blazer or cardigan, long-sleeve blue oxford shirt, and Boys' Latin navy/maroon striped tie or Boys' Latin college acceptance tie.

Please note that the ability to wear the Boys' Latin cardigan and college acceptance tie is a privilege that students must earn.

Students must also have their Boys' Latin student identification card ("ID") on their person at all times.

Middle School Uniform:
From the first day of school through the last school day of September and from the first school day following spring break through the last day of school, students in grades six through eight must wear a short-sleeve maroon Boys' Latin polo shirt, khaki dress pants, black belt, black dress socks, and black dress shoes.

From the first school day of October through the last school day before spring break, students in grades six through eight must wear a maroon Boys' Latin v-neck pullover sweater, long-sleeve blue oxford shirt, Boys' Latin navy/maroon striped tie, khaki dress pants, black belt, black dress socks, and black dress shoes.

If students find themselves to be uncomfortably cold while wearing the short-sleeve maroon Boys' Latin polo shirt, they may instead wear the Boys' Latin v-neck pullover sweater, long-sleeve blue oxford shirt, and Boys' Latin navy/maroon striped tie.

Students must also have their Boys' Latin student ID on their person at all times.

Detailed Uniform Item Information:

Item	Detailed Information
Black Belt	A plain black, leather or leather-like belt. Studs, logos, or other ornamentation is not allowable. The belt buckle must also be plain and standard size.
Black Dress Shoes	All-black, formal dress shoes.
Black Dress Socks	All-black dress socks. White, tan, and other color or black printed socks are not allowable.
Blue Oxford Shirt	A long-sleeve, blue shirt in oxford material with a buttoned-down collar. Logos or designs are not allowable. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
Boys' Latin Student ID	Issued to students by the school at the beginning of each school year. Students must request replacements from the Administrative Assistant.
Khaki Dress Pants	Khaki dress pants. Khaki jeans, chinos, and slacks are not allowable.
Maroon Polo Shirt	This short-sleeve, maroon shirt must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
Maroon Sweater	This long-sleeve, v-neck, pullover sweater with the Boys' Latin emblem or crest on the left breast must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara.
Navy Blazer	A navy blue blazer with gold buttons and the Boys' Latin emblem or crest on the left breast pocket. Blazers with the Boys' Latin emblem may be purchased from Flynn O'Hara. Boys' Latin crest patches may be purchased from the school and must be sewn onto blazers not purchased from Flynn O'Hara.
Navy/Maroon Striped Tie	The navy and maroon striped Boys' Latin tie must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara. Ties must be tied as directed below.

Tying a Necktie:

The four-in hand knot, also known as a simple knot due to the little fuss required to produce it, is the most popular and preferred way to wear a tie and the choice of the world's best-dressed. It most likely originated from the members of the Four-in-Hand Club in London, who made it fashionable. For assistance with tying a necktie, please use the instructions for tying a four-in hand knot and corresponding diagram below:

- Begin with the wide end on your right and extend about a foot below the narrow end of your tie. (Pictures are mirror images, in other words images are what you would see if you were looking in a mirror.)
- Bring the wide end of the tie over the narrow (right side to left side).
- Bring the wide end underneath the narrow end (left side to right side).
- Bring the wide end of the tie over the narrow again (right side to left side).
- Bring the wide end of the tie through the back of the loop (left side to center).
- Hold the front of the knot loose with your index finger; pass the wide end down through the loop (created in step 4) in front.
- Remove your finger and tighten the knot.
- Hold the narrow end of the tie and slide the knot up to the collar.



For additional assistance with tying a necktie, students and their parent/guardian may utilize the step-by-step instructions for tying a four-in hand knot and the corresponding instructional video provided by Ties.com: https://www.ties.com/how-to-tie-a-tie/four-in-hand.