



Amity International School Amsterdam

Uniform Policy

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1. Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire young people to strive for excellence and to cultivate a lifelong love of learning within a vibrant, inclusive and nurturing community. We empower each student to grow in confidence, integrity and compassion, preparing them to contribute meaningfully to an ever-changing global society.

2. Our Educational Aims

At Amity International School, Amsterdam, we aim to:

- Inspire a passion for learning through a broad, challenging and creative curriculum that promotes curiosity, critical thinking and intellectual ambition.
- Nurture personal growth by developing resilience, empathy and leadership, ensuring that every student feels valued and supported.
- Foster global citizenship by encouraging reflection, social responsibility and respect for diversity within a truly international environment.
- Celebrate diversity and promote togetherness recognising and valuing each student's unique talents and contributions.
- Promote excellence beyond the classroom through rich opportunities in sport, the performing and creative arts, service, and outdoor education.
- Build meaningful relationships that create a caring, joyful and connected school culture where friendships flourish and wellbeing is prioritised.
- Embrace innovation by equipping students with digital fluency and the skills to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the twenty-first century with confidence and integrity

3. Purpose

Amity International School Amsterdam (The 'School') requires all students to wear a school uniform every school day, unless it is a special theme day or home clothes day. The uniform must conform to the shades, styles, textures and colours determined by the school, and in keeping with the uniform stocked by the school suppliers.

The purpose of this Uniform Policy is to promote a sense of unity, professionalism, and school pride among students while fostering an inclusive and respectful learning environment. Wearing a uniform helps minimize distractions, supports equality, and reinforces the school's values of excellence, integrity, and global citizenship.

This policy also aims to ensure that students present themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the school community, both within and beyond the campus. It encourages students to take pride in their appearance and to understand the importance of representing their school with confidence and respect.

4. Scope

This policy applies to all enrolled students across all year levels at the school. It outlines expectations for daily uniform wear, physical education attire, and formal dress requirements for special occasions. The policy also applies during school-related activities, excursions, and events where students are representing the school. While the primary focus is on student attire, staff and faculty are expected to support the consistent implementation of the policy and model professional standards of dress appropriate to their roles. Any exceptions or accommodations related to cultural, religious, or medical needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the school leadership.

5. Uniform Guidelines

General rules for all students:

- The uniform should be from the Amity Uniform selection provided by the school's supplier: students are not allowed to wear other items that match the uniform.
- The uniform should be clean and tidy at all times and it should be worn in full, to and from school, as well as in public.
- No cardigans or long jumpers which hang below the jacket are permitted
- Coats, scarves, hats and gloves should not be worn once in school
- Amity ID badge/wristband must be worn visibly as part of the uniform
- Jewellery is not permitted. This includes friendship bands. Students may wear one pair of plain small stud earrings in their earlobes, as long as they are able to remove them independently during PE classes for safety reasons.
- The PE uniform is worn for PE and Sports lessons.
- Hair must be neat in style and natural in colour. It must be clean, tidy and brushed. Extravagant or ostentatious hairstyles are not permitted.
- Students may wear a navy, black, or brown hair band. No other coloured hair accessories or ties are permitted.
- Senior School students are expected to wear their uniform correctly: shirt tucked in, top shirt button done up and tie worn at the top of the collar.

DP1 and DP2 Uniform

During the Diploma Years, students may either wear the Amity DP Uniform or their own Business attire in accordance with the descriptions below.

Daily Uniform

The daily uniform is designed to be both smart and comfortable. Students have the flexibility to mix and match items from the approved summer or winter uniform selection. (with the exception of the Sports / PE uniform). Early Years children can wear comfortable, practical shoes required for outdoor learning.

Item	Description
Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yellow polo shirt ○ Navy trousers, shorts, skort ○ Navy sweatshirt Other: ○ Plain black shoes (no heels, platforms or open toe styles) ○ White or black socks ○ Outside shoes ○ Waterproofs for Forest School ○ Expandable book bag
Primary Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blue polo shirt ○ Navy trousers, shorts, skort ○ Navy sweatshirt Other: ○ Plain black shoes (no heels, platforms or open toe styles) ○ White or black socks ○ Outside shoes ○ Waterproofs for Forest School ○ Expandable book bag
Middle Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blue shirt ○ Navy trousers, shorts skirt ○ Navy jumper ○ MYP tie ○ School blazer expected all student leaders ○ Plain black shoes (no heels, platforms or open toe styles) ○ White or black socks
Diploma Programme Business Attire or school uniform	<p>School Uniform options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ White shirt ○ Grey trousers, shorts, skirt ○ Navy jumper ○ DP tie ○ School blazer ○ Plain black shoes (no heels, platforms or open toe styles) ○ White or black socks

Item	Description
	<p>Business Attire options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A dark matching skirt/dress/trouser suit or smart jacket with trousers, skirt or dress of a neutral colour suitable for a job interview colour. If a non-matching trousers, skirt/dress and jacket is chosen, it must be of suitable structured material and formal in nature, suitable for attending to a formal job interview. ○ Skirts or dresses must reach the top of the knee ○ Trousers must be of classic design and not of a 'skinny fit'. Belts may be worn, but no large buckles. ○ A blouse or a shirt with a collar and sleeves of a neutral colour must be worn and tucked in ○ Open neck blouses or shirts may be worn by girls and therefore ties are optional for girls. ○ Boys must wear a shirt with a collar fastened to the top button and a tie should be worn. ○ DP students should have a blazer or suit jacket in school at all times, and they are expected to wear these for assemblies and all other formal occasions ○ Tie may be the Amity school tie or a tie of a colour and pattern suitable for attending a formal job interview. Ties must always be tied at the collar. ○ Jumpers should be plain coloured and smart in design. These should not be chunky, patterned, made of fleece material or have a zip-up neck. The blouse collar and top button must be visible. Sweaters, hoodies and full zip-ups are not allowed. ○ Plain, dark or neutral tights in keeping with the outfit ○ Smart dark leather shoes in black, navy or brown. Heels must be no more than 2 inches high. No stilettos, boots, leather trainers or shoes with coloured laces/stitching

PE Uniform

The PE uniform must be used by all students. It is worn on the days when the student has Sports / PE classes.

Item	Description
Top	School-branded PE shirt
Bottom	School-branded PE shorts or tracksuit pants in approved colors
Footwear	Athletic shoes suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity
Optional Accessories	Cap, sweatbands, sport jacket or sport-specific gear (if permitted)

Item	Description
Usage Guidelines	Worn only on designated PE days; students may change back into daily uniform

6. School bags

Heavy school bags are a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of the students. They can have severe adverse physical effects on growing children and may also contribute to anxiety. Parents are requested to ensure that school bags do not weigh more than 20% of the body weight of the child.

7. Appearance Standards

The school encourages students to take pride in their appearance as a reflection of self-respect and school spirit. While individuality is valued, students are expected to maintain a neat and respectful presentation that aligns with the school's values.

Hair and grooming

- Hair should be clean and styled in a way that does not obstruct vision or interfere with learning.
- Hairstyles and colours should be appropriate for a school setting. Hair may be highlighted or dyed in natural hair colours.
- Facial hair (for older students) should be neatly groomed.
- Long hair should be tied in situations where it impedes vision or poses a risk due to the activity.

Accessories and Jewellery

- Minimal jewellery is permitted, provided it does not pose a safety risk or distract from learning.
- Students may wear small, simple stud earrings in the earlobes. During DP Years, multiple earrings may be worn provided that they are not distracting and are in keeping with business attire. No visible piercings are allowed in any other part of the body.
- Only earrings in the earlobes are permitted; other body piercings (e.g., nose, eyebrow, or tongue) are not permitted.
- Religious or cultural items may be worn respectfully and discreetly.
- Hats and caps may be worn outdoors but should be removed indoors unless for religious or medical reasons.
- All jewellery needs to be removed and safely stored during PHE lessons.
- Watches should not be smartwatches or linked to mobile phones.

Make-up and Nail Polish

- Make-up, if worn, should be subtle, natural (invisible) and age-appropriate.
- Nail polish should be neutral or modest in colour.
- Nails should be kept short. Long nails including artificial extensions are not permitted.

Cultural and Religious Considerations

The school respects and accommodates cultural and religious attire, such as headscarves, turbans, or other garments, provided they align with safety and school activity requirements. Families are encouraged to communicate any specific needs with the school leadership. Items such as a cross or a chain may be worn under the school uniform only.

8. Naming items

It is important that all uniform items are named so that lost property can be reunited with its owner. Any lost property that is found is placed in the lost property area. Any lost property, whose owner can be identified, is returned to its owner on a regular basis. Unclaimed items are displayed termly and parents/students invited to collect their own lost property. Any unclaimed items are disposed of at the end of each term.

9. Expectations and Accommodations

The school is committed to upholding the uniform policy in a respectful and supportive manner. Staff members are expected to model appropriate dress and guide students in maintaining uniform standards.

DP Students who attend school in attire that is not in keeping with the policy will be sent home to change and may be asked to wear the DP school uniform instead.

10. Purchasing and Supply

Uniforms can be purchased through the school's designated supplier website. Details regarding pricing, availability, and ordering procedures are provided at the time of enrollment and updated annually.

To support accessibility and sustainability, the school also offers:

- A **second-hand uniform exchange** or donation program led by our Community and Family Association
- A **uniform checklist** for each year level to help families prepare appropriately

All uniform items must meet the school's approved specifications. Non-standard items or substitutes may not be permitted unless previously approved by school leadership.

11. Review and Feedback

The Uniform Policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure it remains relevant, inclusive, and aligned with the school's values and community needs. Feedback from students, parents, and staff is welcomed and encouraged.

Suggestions for improvement or requests for clarification can be submitted to the school's leadership team or through designated feedback channels. Any proposed changes will be communicated clearly and in advance of implementation.

The school is committed to maintaining a uniform policy that reflects its diverse, international community while fostering a sense of unity, pride, and professionalism.