

2025-26 Uniform & Appearance Guidelines for PreK-12

Uniforms at Covenant

From its very founding in 1997, Covenant has always had uniform and appearance guidelines in place. These policies were established to nurture students with modest and disciplined characters, help them resist peer pressure, reduce friction between students over social status or popularity, and to promote a pleasant and orderly tone within the school. Our uniform policy helps to create an atmosphere where students and teachers can focus on learning rather than worrying about appearances.

Parents have an important role in helping to make our uniform guidelines a blessing to students and the school. Learning to abide by the uniform standard helps a student to learn humility by considering the interests of others (Phil 2:3-4). Please help us cultivate a joyful and peaceful atmosphere by helping your student recognize apparel choices that may distract their classmates. Our goal is to minimize distractions so that our students can focus on the important work of learning to love to learn.

Please use this guide as a resource when you shop for your uniform items or when you have a question about how an item should be worn. We hope the pictures and descriptions will make our guidelines easy to navigate and follow.

Student Appearance Guidelines

- 1. These guidelines are intended to serve our students by encouraging an orderly and dignified atmosphere for learning. These guidelines are not exhaustive and may be supplemented by Covenant administrators if need arises. Student appearance is characterized by modesty, cleanliness, neatness, and propriety. Students adhere to general appearance guidelines and uniform requirements upon entering the school building and while in the school building between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.
- 2. Hair is clean and neatly combed out of the eyes. Hair colors should be natural; unnatural hair colors (e.g., blue, pink, etc.) are not permitted. Hair adornments such as headbands or hair bands are solid, neutral colors, or school plaid. Feathers, wraps, tinsels, and multi-color ribbons are not to be worn in the hair.
- 3. Young men are expected to be cleanly shaven or to maintain neat and defined **facial hair**, not an unshaven appearance. Hair length is kept at or above the eyebrows and the top of the collar of the shirt. Hair accessories or ties are not permitted for boys. Hair styles that are likely to attract excessive attention or to be distracting to other students are not permitted (e.g. mohawk, long spikes, designs, etc.).
- 4. **Jewelry** is minimal and does not involve body piercings with the exception of girls' ears. Girls may wear small, tasteful earrings; low-dangling or distracting earrings are not permitted.
- 5. Upper School girls may wear **makeup** of natural colors that does not call undue attention. Grammar School girls may wear pale pink or clear fingernail polish and pale lip gloss only. Boys may not wear makeup or nail polish.
- 6. Faculty and staff members interpret and enforce appearance guidelines and may grant exceptions when warranted. Students who fail to adhere to appearance guidelines are given a warning and parents are emailed an "Out of Uniform" notification. After the first infraction, students may receive disciplinary action including silent lunch or not attending class until the problem has been corrected. Students who do not follow appearance guidelines for a field trip or school event **may not be permitted to participate.**

General Dress Code Guidelines

We appreciate parents' understanding and support of the dress code and its enforcement since it often requires a subjective decision to be made by administrators and teachers regarding the appropriateness of an item. Due to changing trends and fads, Covenant may update these guidelines during the school year.

Covenant Best

- Grammar School students wear the Covenant Best Uniform on the last Thursday of every month.
- Upper School students wear the Covenant Best uniform every Thursday.
- Covenant Best is also worn for special events such as the first day of school, Grandparents Day, seasonal concerts, and most field trips. The Daily Wear uniform is worn on non-Covenant Best days.

How to Wear Uniforms

- Any student in the building after 7:30AM must be in their school uniform.
- All uniform items should be labeled inside with the student's name.
- Shirts must be worn tucked into the skirt or pants in such a way that the belt or waistband is visible. Recess and fitness classes are exceptions.
- Shirts may have, at most, the top button left unfastened.
- Undershirt/Undergarments: Students who wish to wear t-shirts under uniform shirts for warmth may do so provided they are a solid, approved uniform color. Only white t-shirts and undergarments may be worn under white uniform shirts. Undergarments should not be visible.
- If a uniform item has belt loops, it is to be worn with a belt (students in grades 3rd-12th only).
- On extremely hot days, Grammar School girls may remove jumpers during recess (only if wearing the approved fitness shorts) and Grammar School boys may remove sweater vests.
- Upper School students may remove cardigans, sweater vests, and blazers outside at the teacher's discretion.
- Jumpers and skirts must touch the knee. Parents may contact the front office to purchase a used item (if available) or purchase a new item in the appropriate length when needed throughout the school year.

Socks and Shoes

- Covenant **does not** consider the following footwear acceptable for either Covenant Best or daily wear: moccasins or slipper-type shoes, deck/boat shoes, boots, light-up shoes, clogs or open back shoes, sandals or open toe shoes or canvas footwear (i.e. Toms).
- Sneakers must be predominantly or entirely white or black (no gray). No neon allowed on shoes or soles. No canvas or hi-top sneakers allowed (i.e. Keds, Chuck Taylors).
- Sneakers and dress shoes should have non-marking soles for indoor recess.
- Socks must be worn daily. All socks must be solid, approved colors and free of conspicuous insignias or designs.
- In cold weather, girls may wear leggings (GS) or navy tights (All). However, knee socks are still required for designated events (e.g., Concerts, Grandparents Day, etc.).
- Shoes for Grammar School girls should have little to no heel and a strap so that the students are still able to play at recess without trouble.

Miscellaneous

- Uniform items should be worn in clean and repaired condition.
- "Covenant Best" represents the basic uniform and may be worn every day. Parents need to only buy items listed under *Covenant Best* and *Fitness* to meet school requirements. However, for convenience and comfort, parents may elect to purchase any of the Daily Wear items.
- *Covenant Best* and colored Daily Wear items must be purchased from FlynnO'Hara (FOH) or Lands' End (LE). White items in the Daily Wear uniform can be purchased from any source as long as they are the same style as the FOH or LE item. Students may only wear non-uniform sweaters, jackets, etc. during recess or when a class meets outside.
- On designated Jeans-for-a-Dollar days, students may wear modest, plain blue jeans or overalls with no adornments, rips or tears, along with a Covenant uniform shirt or an unaltered Covenant spirit-wear shirt. Skinny jeans or jeggings are not permitted. Students may also choose to wear their favorite pair of shoes for an additional dollar. Please no light-up shoes or shoes that make noise. For Grammar School students, the shoes must be closed-toe and closed-heel for safety while playing.
- On Spirit Days, students may wear any Covenant t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Grammar School Girls (K-6) Covenant BEST



Grammar School Girls (K-6) DAILY WEAR OPTIONS



Plaid Jumper (FOH Style #94, Plaid #45)

Navy or black bike shorts worn under jumper for modesty (any source)



Classic plain or pleated chinos; navy (LE).

(Nov. 15 - Apr. 15 only)



Long or short sleeve cotton polo; white or navy (LE or FOH)

Leggings; navy (LE)

(Leggings are permitted in cold weather)

Long sleeve oxford dress shirt; white (any source)



Cardigan sweater; navy (FOH #1001)



Full or half zip fleece jacket with school logo (logo mandatory); navy (LE)



Plain leather belt; solid black or brown (any source)

Girls in 3rd-6th must wear belts when wearing pants



Athletic shoes; solid white or black upper and sole (any source)

No neon on shoes or soles.



Opaque tights; navy (any source)



Knee socks; white or navy (any source)

Above-ankle crew socks (with athletic shoes only); solid white or black (any source)







LE = Lands' End

FOH = FlynnO'Hara

Grammar School Boys (K-6) Covenant BEST

Plaid Tie (FOH #45)	
Long sleeve oxford dress shirt; white (LE or FOH)	
V-neck sweater vest; navy (FOH #6600)	
Twill pants (FOH) or pleat/ plain chinos (LE); khaki	
Solid black or brown dress shoes (any source)	
Solid black or brown non-athletic dress socks (any source)	

Grammar School Boys (K-6) **DAILY WEAR OPTIONS**



Long or short sleeve cotton polo; white or navy (LE or FOH)

V-neck or crew neck sweater; navy (LE or FOH)



Twill classics (FOH) or pleat/plain front chinos (LE); khaki



Classic plain or pleated chino shorts (LE or FOH)

(Before Nov. 1 and after April 15.)



Full or half zip fleece jacket with school logo (mandatory); navy (LE)



Plain leather belt; solid black or brown (any source)

Boys in 3rd-6th grade must wear a belt



Athletic shoes; solid white or black upper and sole (any source)

Above-ankle crew socks (with athletic shoes only); solid white or black

(any source)



- VENDOR KEY LE = Lands' End
- FOH = FlynnO'Hara

Dialectic Girls (7th-9th) Covenant BEST



Dialectic Girls (7th-9th) DAILY WEAR OPTIONS







Short sleeve oxford dress shirt; white (LE or FOH)



V-neck or crew neck sweater; navy
(LE or FOH)



Extra length plaid skirt (FOH Style #34, Plaid #61)





Full or half zip fleece jacket with school logo (logo mandatory); navy (LE)



Plain leather belt; solid black or brown (any source)



Opaque tights; navy (any source)

Classic plain or pleated chinos; navy (LE).

(Nov. 15 - Apr. 15 only)





Athletic shoes; solid white or black upper and sole (any source)



Knee socks; white or navy (any source)

Above-ankle crew socks (with athletic shoes only); solid white or black (any source)

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Dialectic Boys (7th-9th) Covenant BEST



Dialectic Boys (7th-9th) DAILY WEAR OPTIONS



Long or short sleeve cotton polo; white or navy (LE or FOH)

V-neck or crew neck sweater; navy (FOH #6500 or #6530)



Twill classics (FOH) or pleat/ plain front chinos (LE); khaki



Classic plain or pleated chino shorts (LE or FOH)

(Before Nov. 1 and after April 15.)



Full or half zip fleece jacket with school logo (mandatory); navy (LE)



Plain leather belt; solid black or brown (any source)





Athletic shoes; solid white or black upper and sole (any source)

Above-ankle crew socks (with athletic shoes only); solid white or black (any source)



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Rhetoric Girls (10th-12th) Covenant BEST



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Rhetoric Girls (10th-12th) DAILY WEAR OPTIONS



Short sleeve oxford dress shirt; white

(LE or FOH)



V-neck (LE 510800) or crew neck sweater (FOH); navy

(Sweaters worn over uniform shirt)



Full or half zip fleece jacket with school logo (mandatory); navy (LE)



Classic plain or pleated chinos (LE)

(Nov. 15 - Apr. 15 only)



Extra-length plaid skirt (FOH Style #34, Plaid #61)



Plain leather belt; solid black or brown (any source)



Knee socks; white or navy (any source)



Opaque tights; navy (any source)



Dress shoes; solid black, brown, or navy (any source)

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Rhetoric Boys (10th-12th) Covenant BEST



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Rhetoric Boys (10th-12th) DAILY WEAR OPTIONS



Twill classics (FOH) or pleat/ plain front chinos (LE); khaki



Long or short sleeve button down collar oxford shirt; white or light blue (FOH or LE #458479)



Full or half zip fleece jacket with school logo (mandatory); navy (LE)



V-neck or crew neck sweater; navy (FOH #6500 or #6530)

(Sweaters worn over uniform shirt)



Solid black or brown dress shoes (any source)



Plain, solid leather belt; black or brown (any source)

VENDOR KEY

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Covenant Best Shoes

Covenant Best dress shoes (solid black or brown) may be purchased from any store. Pictured shoes represent examples of acceptable styles. Grammar school students should choose more versatile dress shoes for play; strapless or dress shoes with heels are not recommended.



K-9 Daily Wear Shoes

The daily wear uniform for grades K-9 includes **solid** black or white athletic shoes (upper and sole). Canvas sneakers or shoes with colored or neon trim, insignias, or markings are not permitted.





The following footwear is not acceptable with any uniform: boots, moccasins, slippers, deck/boat shoes, light-up shoes, hi-top or mid-top sneakers, clogs, open backs, sandals, canvas footwear (i.e. Keds, Chuck Taylors), or athletic-soled dress shoes. Socks must be sold black or white with no trim, insignias, markings, branding, or words.

Below are examples of non-acceptable footwear:



Physical Education Uniform for Boys & Girls

Physical education (PE) uniforms are purchased at the front office. PE uniforms are required for participation in PE and must be worn on the first and all subsequent class periods. No other athletic wear is permitted in PE, except in the case of an outdoor class held in cold weather (solid gray or Covenant sweatshirt; navy, black, or grey jogging pants).



Boys' Navy Mesh Shorts Women's Navy Mesh Shorts Men's Navy Mesh Shorts



Grammar School students should wear mostly black or white sneakers (no gray).

Upper School students may wear quality running or athletic shoes in any style.

- On the first day of gym class, students will label their PE t-shirts with their last name for easy ٠ identification.
- Students may wear a solid gray sweatshirt or any Covenant hoodie or sweatshirt when gym ٠ class is held outside in cooler weather.
- Navy, black, or gray sweat or jogging pants. Pants may have a stripe on the "out-seam" or an ٠ insignia.

*Please note girls in K-3rd grades must have on PE shorts in order to take their jumpers off for gym class. They may stay in the jumpers for gym class if they desire.

The 5 Most Common Uniform Violations

Shoes

Canvas sneakers (i.e. Keds, Chuck Taylors) or shoes with colored or neon trim, insignias, or markings on the upper or sole are not permitted. The daily wear uniform for grades K-9 includes solid black or white athletic shoes (upper and sole) only.





Hair Accessories

No feathers, wraps, tinsel, ribbons, sparkles, logos, patterns, or beading are permitted. Girls may wear plain headbands or hair bands in a solid, neutral color or the school plaid.

Visible Undergarments

White t-shirts only may be worn under uniform shirts; colored t-shirts may not be worn. Undergarments such as bra straps or camisoles should not be visible.





Belt

Students in grades 3-12 must wear a solid black or brown belt with pants; canvas belts are not permitted.

Jumper & Skirt Length

Jumpers and skirts must touch the knee. Parents contact the front office to purchase a used item (if available) or purchase a new item in the appropriate length when needed.

Pre-K Appearance Code

Clothing for preschool and pre-kindergarten students should reflect a wholesome Christian testimony in every way and encourage dressing independence. There is not an official uniform for preschool and pre-kindergarten, but these clothing guidelines should help as you make clothing decisions for your student. All items should be easy to manipulate by the child, simple, comfortable, appropriately sized, washable, and weather friendly. Outfits should not draw undue attention to the student. Excessive decorations like jewelry, ribbons, zippers, or snaps on clothing can distract children. Please do not send your student to school in expensive or precious apparel. Hair should be neat and orderly. Please do not allow your child to come to school with temporary tattoos, dangling earrings or colored hair. Here are additional guidelines for clothing:

Tops & Shirts

o Tops should be predominately a solid color and free of adornments.

o They must be free of pop-culture characters or logos displayed on the front or back.

o Tops must be modest and cover the shoulders completely. No spaghetti straps.

o No tank tops or crop tops

Pants & Shorts

o Elastic waist pants or shorts are easiest for children when using the bathroom.

o Solid color shorts that reach the end of child's fingertips can be worn during the months of September, April and May when weather is warm.

o No belts, please.

o Pants should be easy to play, sit or stretch in.

Skirts & Dresses

o Shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses for modesty.

o No spaghetti strap dresses

Socks & Shoes

o We prefer sneakers without ties. Velcro closures make shoes easier to slip on and take off.

o Shoes must be non-marking and closed-toe. No flip-flops, sandals or clogs.

o Socks must be worn under the shoes

o Please have your student wear solid-color or mostly solid-color shoes. No light-ups.

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Uniform Suppliers

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Preferred School

Covenant is a Preferred School with Lands' End. To log onto the Covenant shop on the Lands' End Web site:

- 1. Visit www.landsend.com
- 2. Click on School
- 3. Click on Shop By School
- 4. Enter Covenant's School Number: 900034737
- 5. Enter the appropriate information.

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Don't forget to purchase Lands' End SCRIP cards when making purchases. Contact Carolyn.Haas@DiscoverCovenant.com for more information.

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Store Hours

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Store hours subject to change.

FlynnO'Hara stocks a large number of Covenant uniform pieces in a large selection of sizes. Pieces can also be ordered.