

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Self-respect and respect for others is reflected in physical appearance. Students are required to be dressed in an appropriate uniform during the school day. It is expected that student uniforms are neat, clean and in good condition.

Girls, Grades 9-12

Uniform polo shirts, long or short sleeve, white or navy, with the school logo are to be worn. A long sleeve solid-color, long-sleeved, collared, button-up shirt may also be worn. Should students choose to wear the solid-color, long-sleeved, collared, button-up shirt, it must be tucked into the uniform skort (or pants with a belt). Uniform polos do not have to be tucked if worn with a skort but must be tucked in if worn with pants. Only white or gray tee shirts may be worn under school polo shirts or blouses.

There is a uniform skort that students may wear, which is purchased from Flynn & O'Hara School Uniform Company. Skorts must be worn at an appropriate length (reaching the student's finger tips when arms are fully extended) and must not be rolled. With the skort, students must wear solid colored black or navy tights. Tights may not have tears, rips, or holes.

Instead of the skort, girls have the option of wearing tan, Docker-style dress pants along with a belt. No corduroys, jeans, leggings, capri style pants, warm-ups, or cargo style pants may be worn. Pant cuffs should fit neatly over footwear and may not be elastic banded.

To complete the uniform, students must wear black, brown, gray, or navy solid colored, hard-leather or canvas, flat shoes. Moccasins, boots, slippers, sneakers, sandals, Ugg-style shoes, Crocs, and backless shoes are not permitted.

Boys, Grades 9-12

Uniform polo shirts, long or short sleeve, white or navy, with the school logo are to be worn tucked into their pants with a belt. A long-sleeve, solid-color, button down dress shirt with a tie may also be worn. Dress shirts must be tucked into school pants. Students with poorly fitting polo shirts will be required to wear a collared shirt and tie until such time as they

procure properly fitted polo shirts. Only white or gray tee shirts may be worn under school polo or dress shirts.

Students must wear tan, Docker-style dress pants, which may be purchased at any local retailer. Pants must be worn with a belt at the waist. Pant cuffs should fit neatly over footwear and may not be elastic banded.

To complete the uniform, students must wear black, brown, gray, or navy solid colored, hard-leather or canvas, flat shoes. Moccasins, boots, slippers, sneakers, sandals, Ugg-style shoes, Crocs, and backless shoes are not permitted.

Grades 7 & 8 Uniform

The uniform for Grades 7 & 8 for boys and girls shall be exactly the same as for Grades 9-12 except for the uniform polo, which shall be light blue rather than white or navy blue.

Special Occasion Dress or “Mass Dress”

There are special occasions during the school year when heightened decorum is appropriate, especially for Mass. On these special days, the school uniform will be superseded by the dress code described below. However, students may always elect to be in “Mass Dress.” Mass Dress is the same for all grade levels.

Boys are to wear a solid-color, long-sleeved, collared, Oxford-style cotton button-up shirt, white or light blue tucked into their pants with a belt. They are also to wear a necktie or a bowtie. Boys should follow all other aspects of the school uniform to complete special occasion dress, with the exception that students may elect to wear navy or black dress pants instead of tan.

Girls are to wear a solid-color, long-sleeved, collared, Oxford-style cotton button-up shirt, white or light blue tucked into their skirt or pants. Girls should follow all other aspects of the school uniform to complete special occasion dress, except that they may wear navy or black dress pants instead of tan.

Students violating special occasion dress may be subject to sanctions beyond a normal “out-of- uniform” violation given the importance of the event.

Warm Weather Uniform, All Grades

At the discretion of AWHHS administration, students may be permitted to wear a “warm weather” uniform when circumstances arise. There is no timeline for when the warm weather uniform will be in effect. From the start of the school year, students should assume they must wear the standard uniform unless given explicit instructions that the warm weather uniform is permitted.

Girls may wear their uniform skirt without tights and it is especially important to be worn at an appropriate length (reaching the student’s finger tips when arms are fully extended) and must not be rolled. Solid, tan-colored, chino or Bermuda style shorts that extend to the top of the knee are also permitted. Navy, white, or black socks that come to mid-calf can be worn, but are not required. All other uniform rules apply.

Boys may wear a solid, tan colored, chino-style short. The shorts must extend at a minimum to the top of the knee and may not extend below the knee. If wearing shorts, socks do not need to be worn. All other uniform rules apply, including wearing the uniform polo tucked in with a belt.

For both boys and girls, shorts may not be ripped or have torn or frayed edges. Students may not “mix-and-match” uniforms. If wearing the regular uniform (e.g. wearing pants or the uniform skirt), it must be completely followed.

If a day is designated for Special Occasion or “Mass Dress”, this supersedes the warm weather uniform and no shorts will be permitted on that day.

Headwear

Hats, caps, scarves, hoods, or any headwear are never to be worn while inside the school building. If a student has such headwear it must be taken off upon entry to school and

placed immediately in his or her locker. All headwear is subject to confiscation and appropriate consequences will be given by the Student Life Office.

Official Uniform Company

AWHS uniform polo shirts and sweaters must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara School Uniforms. Flynn & O'Hara School Uniforms: www.flynnohara.com; phone 1-800-441-4122. Dress shirts and blouses may be purchased from a local retailer (no logos).

Uniform Outerwear (All Students)

Students have the option to wear the AWHS uniform quarter-zip sold through the Blue and Gold store or outerwear sold by Flynn O'Hara for warmth during the school day. These are the only items that are approved as uniform outerwear. No other purchases are permitted to be worn during the school day, including spiritwear items that had previously been approved prior to the 2023-2024 school year. Students wearing non-uniform outerwear will be subject to discipline, including, but not limited to, the immediate confiscation of the non-uniform outerwear.

Of course, students are strongly encouraged to proudly wear Archbishop Williams branded "spirit-wear" throughout their community. There are many styles of spirit-wear available on the AWHS online school store and have been made available to students. This policy is limited to what students wear as uniforms during the school day.