

# Charlotte Latin Lower School Uniform Dress Requirements

## Our Philosophy

Implementing uniform dress is designed to encourage everyone to focus attention on what is inside a student rather than on outward appearance. This requirement seeks to ensure that learning is the main focus of the school day by:

- Promoting a sense of school community, equity, belonging and inclusion
- Maximizing instruction in the classroom
- Lessening peer pressure and anxiety around school dress
- Creating clear dress guidelines for all

## Uniform Dress

The uniform dress offers a great deal of options in vendor, price and style, ensuring both affordability and comfort. Charlotte Latin has partnered with the uniform vendor, Flynn O'Hara, for parents looking for a consolidated shopping experience. Parents also have the option of buying approved clothing from any retailer, as long as it meets expectations. Attire must be modest, clean, well-fitted, and in good repair. The school reserves the right to address the appropriateness of dress and overall appearance. Fridays will remain as designated SOAR (casual dress) Days.

## Where to Buy?

### Flynn O'Hara

Our partnered vendor will serve as a one-stop shop for families looking to do all of their shopping, including Latin logo shirts, outerwear, skorts, jumpers and bottoms. Flynn O'Hara has a storefront location near Park Road Shopping Center, where students can try on clothing. Online ordering is also available through a customized, easy-to-navigate site.

1730 Abbey Place  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
704-525-0002

[www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)

### The Hawk Shop

Limited merchandise that meets the dress requirements will be available in the school store, including polos, crewneck shirts, sweatshirts and seasonal items. The store will also sell school-themed clothing that can be worn on SOAR Days. We encourage you to visit our school store in person, or refer to the uniform tab on the Hawk Shop website for available inventory.

### Other Retailers

It is important that clothing purchased from other retailers mirror the colors and styles laid out in the dress requirements. Plaid skirts and jumpers must be purchased through Flynn O'Hara, but all other items can be purchased elsewhere. Here are some recommended alternative retailers:

- Lands End Uniform Shop
- Gap Uniform Shop
- Old Navy Uniform Shop
- Target Uniform Shop
- Amazon Uniform Shop
- Walmart Uniform Shop

# CHARLOTTE LATIN LOWER SCHOOL

## UNIFORM DRESS

**REQUIRED**  
All students are required to have a navy polo for special occasions

### PANTS



- Solid navy & khaki
- Chinos/khakis
- 5-pocket pants are acceptable
- Cotton, twill or performance fabric
- Elastic waistband acceptable in grades TK-2
- Small logo on back of pants is acceptable

**NOT PERMITTED**  
Cargo, Corduroy, Denim, Fleece, Sweatpants; bottoms must be free of mesh, holes, rips and frays

### SHIRTS



- Solid navy, white, gray, light blue
- Long/short sleeve polos (cotton or performance), crewneck cotton shirts, oxford or peterpan collared shirts
- Undershirts must be in approved uniform colors
- Shirrtails must be tucked in for grades 2-5; optional for TK-1

**NOT PERMITTED**  
Ruffles, Piping, Embroidery

Items may not have any visible logo or insignia other than optional Latin logo through Flynn O'Hara or Hawk Shop

### SHORTS\*\*\*



- Solid navy & khaki
- Bermuda or walking shorts
- Cotton, twill or performance fabric
- Must be no shorter than 3" above knee
- Elastic waistband acceptable in grades TK-2

### OUTERWEAR\*\*



- Solid navy, white, gray, light blue
- Sweaters, zip pullovers & jackets, sweatshirts, cardigans, vests

A student's name should be clearly marked on all outerwear

### SKIRTS/SKORTS\*\*\*



- Solid navy, khaki or Flynn O'Hara plaid
- Pleated, A-Line or flat Front
- Must be no shorter than 3" above knee

**NOT PERMITTED**  
Denim, athletic, athleisure, bows, ruffles

### FOOTWEAR



- Sturdy, athletic sneakers (no light up) with hand-tied laces or velcro straps
- Ankle, crew or knee-high socks are required and must be solid white, gray or navy. Branding is prohibited.

**NOT PERMITTED**  
Hats & wearable technology that can be used for texting and calling are not allowed.

### DRESSES/JUMPERS\*\*\*



- Solid navy, khaki or Flynn O'Hara plaid
- Jumpers and knit crewneck or collared dresses allowed
- Must be no shorter than 3" above knee

**REQUIRED for Under Dresses & Skirts:**  
Solid Navy/White/Gray

- Cartwheel Shorts
- Full Length Leggings
- Tights
- Shirts must be worn under jumpers

### HAIR & ACCESSORIES



- Hair must be clean, well-groomed & out of students eyes
- Simple hair bows, ribbons, beads, flat headbands or barrettes are approved.
- Belts optional
  - Must be solid navy, brown, black or purchased from the Hawk Shop

\*\* Coats and non-uniform outerwear can be worn to school and during recess, but not inside the classroom

\*\*\* Shorts, skirts & dress lengths will differ per child. Parents need to ensure they choose a style and length that is modest & appropriate

# CLS LOWER SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS VISUAL

## TOPS



Collared Shirt

White/Navy/Gray/Light Blue  
Short or Long sleeve polo in  
cotton or performance fabric



Crewneck Shirt

White/Navy/Gray/Light Blue  
Short or Long sleeve in cotton

*Shirts must be solid in color and cannot  
have any visible logo or insignia other  
than optional Latin logo from  
Flynn O'Hara or the Hawk Shop*



Oxford/PeterPan Shirt

White/Blue  
Short or Long sleeve

## BOTTOMS/DRESSES



Shorts/Pants

Khaki/Navy  
Cotton, Twill, Performance



Skirt/Skort/Jumper/Dress

Khaki/Navy/Plaid  
(plaid only through Flynn O'Hara)

## OUTERWEAR



1/4 & Full Zip Sweatshirts

White/Navy/Gray/Light Blue



Crewneck & Hooded Sweatshirts

White/Navy/Gray/Light Blue



Pullover Sweater

White/Navy/Gray/Light Blue



Cardigan Sweater

White/Navy/Gray/Light Blue

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a SOAR Day?

On Soar Days, lower school students may dress more casually. Students have the option to choose what they would like to wear, including t-shirts, denim, team jerseys, athletic shorts, Latin cheer outfits, etc. Students may not wear short shorts, backless dresses or tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, crop tops or hats.

NOTE: Athletic shoes must be worn on SOAR Days.

Where can my child get a shirt with the optional Latin logo?

All clothing with the CLS logo must only be purchased through Flynn O'Hara or the Hawk Shop. Logo embroidery from outside vendors is prohibited due to copyright restrictions. The Hawk Shop plans to sell shirts with the CLS logo, Latin sweatshirts (crewnecks and hoodies) and CLS belts.

Can I purchase from a non-listed vendor?

Yes, as long as it meets the uniform dress expectations.

Can my child wear shirts with small logos from other places?

No, all shirts must be without any insignia or branding other than the optional Latin logo.

When can my child wear leggings?

Leggings can only be worn underneath dresses, jumpers and skirts.

Can my child wear striped shirts?

No, striped shirts, including the Hawk Shop striped performance polo, are not part of the uniform dress requirement. These can be worn on SOAR days.