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# BIS HOUSTON

## 2024-2025 Dress Code

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**We are excited  
to announce  
our new uniform  
provider!**

 **FlynnO'Hara**  
UNIFORMS

Dear BIS Houston Families,

After an extensive search for a new supplier, we are excited to introduce Flynn O'Hara Uniforms as our new uniform provider. A family-owned and operated business with over 50 years of experience successfully supplying students and schools across the United States, Flynn O'Hara is committed to providing high-quality, durable uniforms and offers exceptional customer service.

We are pleased to onboard Flynn O'Hara ahead of schedule due to the closure of our previous uniform provider. You may order uniforms online [here](#) (enter code TX200) or visit their dedicated store at 1022 Wirt Rd, Suite 322, Houston, TX 77055.

While our uniform programme remains unchanged, some items are still being produced and are not yet available. We will also transition Early Years Uniforms to Flynn O'Hara. Please note the following:

- Logo PE uniforms will be available late Spring. Until then students are welcome to wear grey t-shirts and navy blue bottoms.
- Plaid/tartan items are scheduled to be available in the summer. Please bear in mind plaid or navy blue skirts may be worn on any uniform day.
- Early Years uniforms may be purchased at either the Spirit Store or Flynn O'Hara. Currently, the Spirit Store offers EY uniforms with the round bulldog logo. EY uniforms purchased from Flynn O'Hara will feature the BIS Houston logo. When the Spirit Store's stock of EY uniforms is sold out, Flynn O'Hara will become the exclusive provider of EY uniforms.
- Only items that are in stock will appear on the Flynn O'Hara website.
- Stocked uniform items are also available in-store for school logo embroidery.
- We will continue to be flexible with uniforms during this transition.

Lastly, Flynn O'Hara has also shared a custom BIS Houston Uniform Shopping Packet, which you can access [here](#).

We look forward to seeing our students in their Flynn O'Hara uniforms!

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# OVERVIEW

## 2024-2025 Dress Code



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At the British International School of Houston, our uniforms and dress code creates a school identity, develops our school community, and promotes our school's core values: Pride, Unity, and Respect.

**Pride:** Our uniform along with logo and Bulldog develops pride in being a member of our school community. Our students have an easily recognizable identity and uniforms help students take pride in their appearance.

**Unity:** Uniforms provide a sense of community and unity among same-age peers.

**Respect:** Uniforms reduce the possibility of social conflict associated with appearance and increases students' respect for each other's character and abilities.

**Learning:** As learning is at the center of all we do at BIS Houston, our dress code is similarly aligned. Anything that distracts oneself or others from learning is not permitted.

### Formal Uniform Days

Students in Years 3-13 have compulsory formal uniform days. These are at least once per week on Wednesdays (Assembly day) and for any other specified occasions and events.

### Spirit Days

Every Friday BIS Houston has Spirit Day and it is an extension of our regular dress code. On Spirit Days we celebrate different aspects of our community by wearing school Spirit wear. Spirit Day aims to bring together our students of all ages and unites the school through our "Bulldog Pride". See more in the guide on Spirit Day guidelines.

### Where to Make Uniform Purchases

FlynnO'Hara Uniforms  
1022 Wirt Road  
Suite 322  
Houston, TX 77055

[FlynnO'Hara Uniform Shopping Guide](#)

<https://flynnohara.com/shop/british-international-school-of-houston-tx200/>

Select items at [BIS Houston Spirit Store](#) (on campus and online)

### Adhering to Dress Code

Students are expected to adhere to dress code and policies. There are certain circumstances where the uniform provider may be delayed in providing uniform. In these cases the school will confirm uniform availability and provide uniform for the student if available. Regular non-adherence to the dress code policy will be recorded in accordance with the behavior for learning policy.

### Other Items

Students may choose their own backpack. There is no specific backpack requirement.



# EARLY YEARS

Early Years uniforms may be purchased at either the Spirit Store or Flynn O'Hara. Currently, the Spirit Store offers EY uniforms with the round bulldog logo. EY uniforms purchased from Flynn O'Hara will feature the BIS Houston logo. When the Spirit Store's stock of EY uniforms is sold out, Flynn O'Hara will become the exclusive provider of EY uniforms. Store at BIS Houston or ordered through the Spirit Store website [here](#).

**All students are required to have a red BIS Houston cap or a navy blue BIS Houston bucket hat with the school logo available through the Spirit Store.**

## Shirts:

BIS Houston navy blue polos with the Bulldog (available at Spirit Store)  
Other BIS Houston navy blue bulldog shirts are available through secondhand uniform sales. These continue to be part of the uniform in addition to the Bulldog polo.

## Bottoms:

Any navy blue shorts, trousers, skirts, skorts, or leggings may be worn. The items must be solid colored navy blue and without large logo markings.

## Dresses:

BIS Houston Bulldog dress from the Spirit Store

Plaid shift dress

The plaid shift dress should be worn with a navy blue Bulldog polo from the Spirit Store.

## Options for Cold Weather:

Red cardigan/sweater or full zip fleece with BIS Houston logo from the uniform provider.

Navy blue fleece (available at Spirit Store)

## Shoes & Socks:

Preferably all black or all white shoes or trainers. However, at this age, any set of trainers or shoes that fit well with socks may be worn. **For health and safety purposes, please ensure your child's shoes are close-toed.**

White, black or navy socks

## PE Uniform:

Grey BIS Houston Bulldog T-shirt (available at Spirit Store)

Any navy blue bottoms

Non-marking trainers

## Swim Kit:

One piece swim suit, or rash guard + swim trunks/shorts

Goggles, Swim cap, Water shoes or flip flops

## Other items:

Please send the following to school for your child to keep in his or her cubby:

Waterproof jacket

Rain boots

Extra change of clothes including underwear and socks



**Accessories and Jewelry:** A simple pair of stud earrings is permitted. No other jewelry should be worn.

Make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.

Religious items of clothing and accessories are permitted.

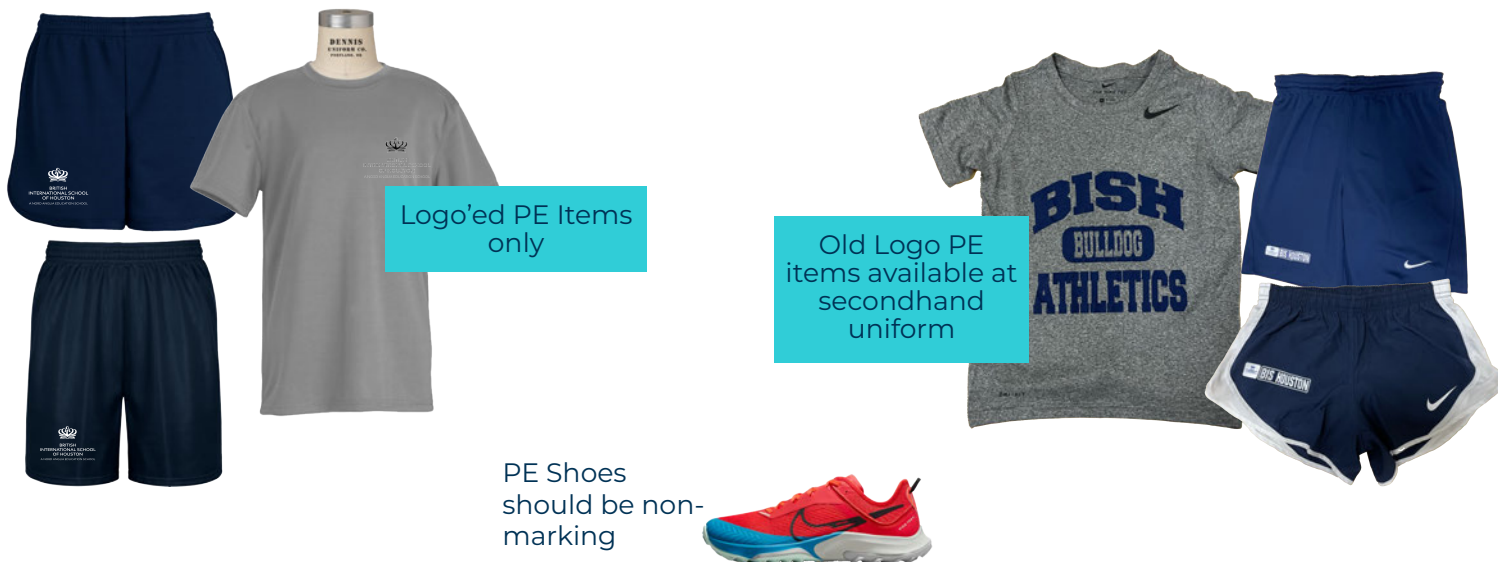
Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.

# SHOE AND PE UNIFORM GUIDE FOR YEARS 1-11

All black or all white shoes or trainers may be worn. Shoes should not have large logos and should be kept clean.



PE Uniforms may be purchased from the uniform provider.



# LOWER PRIMARY, YEARS 1-2

All uniform items may be purchased from  
FlynnO'Hara Uniforms.

Red caps and Spirit Wear may be purchased at the  
BIS Houston Spirit Store website [here](#).

## Shirts:

Red BIS Houston logo polo shirt (please tuck in shirts)

## Bottoms from the :

Navy blue shorts, trousers, skirts, or skorts

OR - BIS Houston Plaid skirt

OR - BIS Houston Plaid shift dress with red BIS Houston logo polo shirt underneath

## Options for cold weather available from the uniform provider, to be worn over uniform polo or PE uniform:

Red zip up fleece with BIS Houston logo

Red cardigan with BIS Houston logo

Red sweater with BIS Houston logo

Red vest with BIS Houston logo

## Shoes & Socks (see p3):

All black shoes or trainers OR all white shoes or trainers

Navy or black tights

Plaid ruffle socks (available from the uniform provider)

White, navy or black socks including knee-high socks

## Hats (All students are required to have a BIS Houston logo'd hat to be worn outdoors):

Red BIS Houston hat or navy blue bucket hat (available in Spirit Store).

## PE Kit, available through Dennis Uniform (see p3):

Grey BIS Houston PE Shirt (old logo PE shirts are available through secondhand uniforms)

Navy blue shorts

Non-marking trainers

For cold weather PE bottoms, students may wear leggings under their PE shorts or any navy blue joggers.

## Swim Kit:

One piece swim suit, or rash guard + swim trunks/shorts

Goggles, Swim cap, Water shoes or flip flops

## Accessories and Jewelry:

A simple pair of stud earrings is permitted. No other jewelry should be worn except a watch (see digital policy in Parent Handbook).

Make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.

Religious items of clothing and accessories are permitted.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.

There is no formal uniform in Years 1 & 2.



Logo'd PE Shirt from the uniform provider

Old logo PE shirt available at secondhand uniform



# UPPER PRIMARY, YEARS 3-6

All uniform items may be purchased from  
FlynnO'Hara Uniforms.

Red caps and Spirit Wear may be purchased at the  
BIS Houston Spirit Store website [here](#).

## Shirts (available from the uniform provider):

Light blue BIS Houston logo polo shirt (please tuck in shirts)

Light blue BIS Houston logo Oxford button down shirt  
(please tuck in shirt, this shirt is for formal days)

## Bottoms from Dennis Uniform:

Navy blue shorts, trousers, skirts, or skorts  
OR - BIS Houston Plaid skirt

## Options for cold weather available from Dennis Uniform, to be worn over uniform polo or PE uniform:

Red zip up fleece with BIS Houston logo

Red cardigan with BIS Houston logo

Red sweater with BIS Houston logo

Red vest with BIS Houston logo

## Shoes & Socks (see p3):

All black shoes or trainers OR all white shoes or trainers

Plaid ruffle socks (available from the uniform provider)

Navy or black tights

White, navy or black socks including knee-high socks

## Hats (All students are required to have a BIS Houston logo'd hat to be worn outdoors):

Red BIS Houston hat or navy blue bucket hat (available in  
Spirit Store).

## PE Kit Available from the uniform provider (see p3):

Logo'd Grey BIS Houston PE Shirt

Logo'd Navy blue shorts

Non-marking trainers

For cold weather PE bottoms, students may wear  
leggings under their PE shorts or any navy blue joggers.

## Swim Kit:

One piece swim suit, or rash guard + swim trunks/  
shorts

Goggles, Swim cap, Water shoes or flip flops

## Accessories and Jewelry:

A simple pair of stud earrings is permitted. No other jewelry  
should be worn except a watch (see digital policy  
in Parent Handbook).

Make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.

Religious items of clothing and accessories are permitted.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.

## Formal Uniform:

For Years 3-6, the formal uniform is the light  
blue logo'd button down Oxford shirt with  
any of the bottoms listed above.



Casual Uniform:  
Logo'd polo  
shirt, any  
uniform bottoms



Formal Uniform:  
Logo'd Oxford  
shirt, any uniform  
bottoms



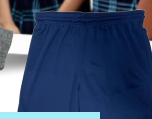
Skirts are navy  
OR plaid



Logo'd PE  
Shirt from the  
uniform  
provider



Old logo PE  
shirt available  
at secondhand  
uniform





# FORMAL UNIFORM DAYS, Visual Guide Years 7-11

Students will have at least one day per week (Assembly day) where formal uniform is compulsory.  
Other events such as celebrations, presentations, special guests, etc. will require students to be in formal uniform.

## Shirt Options for Formal Day

Logo'd short sleeve button down  
Oxford shirt  
Logo'd long sleeve button down  
Oxford shirt



## Tie Options for Formal Day (Ties are compulsory in Secondary School on Formal Day)

Traditional neck tie  
Adjustable pre-knot tie  
Pearl snap crossover tie



## Logo'd Blazers

Y7-9 Blazers are optional on formal days. We recommend wearing a blazer during special events (i.e. MUN, World Scholars Cup, etc)

Y10-11 Blazers are compulsory on formal days and specified special events.



## Bottoms on Formal Day

Navy blue trousers  
Navy blue skirt  
Plaid skirt



## Shoes follow dress code requirements

All black shoes  
or all white shoes



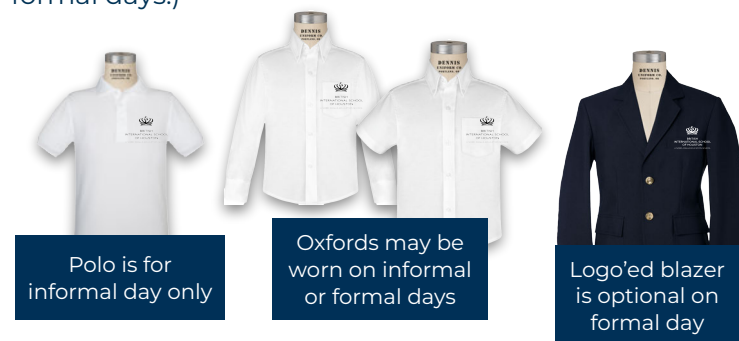
# SECONDARY, YEARS 7-9

All uniform items may be purchased from  
FlynnO'Hara Uniforms.

Red caps and Spirit Wear may be purchased at the  
BIS Houston Spirit Store website [here](#).

## Logo'ed Shirts (available from the uniform provider):

White BIS Houston logo polo shirt (Please tuck in shirts.)  
White BIS Houston logo Oxford button down shirt  
(Please tuck in shirts. This shirt may be long sleeved or  
short sleeved and can be worn on both informal and  
formal days.)



## Bottoms from the uniform provider:

Navy blue shorts, trousers, skirts, or skorts  
OR - BIS Houston Plaid skirt



## Tie (choose 1 of the options below from the uniform provider):

Traditional neck tie  
Adjustable pre-knot tie  
Pearl snap crossover tie



## Shoes & Socks (see p3):

All black shoes or trainers OR All white shoes or trainers  
White, navy or black socks including knee-high socks  
Navy or black tights  
Plaid ruffle socks (available from the uniform provider)

## PE Kit, available from the uniform provider:

Grey BIS Houston PE Shirt (old logo PE shirts are available through  
2nd hand uniform sale)  
Navy blue shorts  
Non-marking trainers  
For cold weather PE bottoms, students may wear leggings under  
their PE shorts or any navy blue joggers.

## Swim Kit (Secondary students access swimming in blocks throughout the school year):

One piece swim suit, black or navy blue or rash guard  
+ trunks/shorts  
Goggles, Swim cap, Water shoes or flip flops



## Options for cold weather to be worn over uniform white shirts or PE uniform (all available from the uniform provider):

Zip front microfleece jacket  
Long sleeve v-neck pullover sweater  
Long sleeve v-neck cardigan  
Long sleeve crew neck sweatshirt  
Logo'ed navy blue blazer



Navy blue caps should be worn outdoors.

## Accessories and Jewelry:

A simple pair of stud earrings and a watch are permitted. No other jewelry should be worn.  
Make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.  
Natural hair colors only.  
Religious items of clothing and accessories are permitted.  
Hoodies may only be worn on Spirit Day (BIS Houston hoodie)

See visual guide on p6 for formal uniform examples.

# SECONDARY, YEARS 10-11

All uniform items may be purchased from  
FlynnO'Hara Uniforms.

Red caps and Spirit Wear may be purchased at the  
BIS Houston Spirit Store website [here](#).

## Logo'd Shirts (available from the uniform provider):

White BIS Houston logo polo shirt (Please tuck in shirts.)

White BIS Houston logo Oxford button down shirt (Please tuck in shirts. This shirt may be long sleeved or short sleeved and can be worn on both informal and formal days.)



Logo'd Polo is  
for informal day  
only

Logo'd Oxfords  
may be worn on  
informal or formal  
days

Logo'd blazer  
is for formal  
day

## Tie (ties are compulsory on formal day, choose 1 of the options below from the uniform provider):

Traditional neck tie  
Adjustable pre-knot tie  
Pearl snap crossover tie



## Shoes & Socks (see p3):

All black shoes or trainers OR All white shoes or trainers  
White, navy or black socks including knee-high socks  
Navy or black tights

## PE Kit, available through the uniform provider (see p3):

Grey BIS Houston PE Shirt (old logo PE shirts are available through 2nd hand uniform sale)  
Navy blue shorts  
Non-marking trainers  
For cold weather PE bottoms, students may wear leggings under their PE shorts or any navy blue joggers.

## Swim Kit (Secondary students access swimming in blocks throughout the school year):

One piece swim suit, black or navy blue or rash guard + trunks/shorts  
Goggles, Swim cap, Water shoes or flip flops



Logo'd PE  
Shirt only from  
the uniform  
provider

Old logo PE  
shirt available  
at secondhand  
uniform

## Bottoms from the uniform provider:

Navy blue shorts, trousers, skirts, or skirts  
OR - BIS Houston Plaid skirt



Skirts are navy OR plaid,  
may be worn on  
informal or formal days

Shorts may be  
worn only on  
informal day

Trousers may be  
worn any day

## Options for cold weather to be worn over uniform white shirts or PE uniform (all available from the uniform provider):

Zip front microfleece jacket  
Long sleeve v-neck pullover sweater  
Long sleeve v-neck cardigan  
Long sleeve crew neck sweatshirt  
Crewneck sweatshirt (also available in the Spirit Store, select sizes only)  
Logo'd navy blue blazer (for formal days)



## Policies:

Students with hair longer than shoulder length must bring a hair tie to school as they will be requested to tie up for practical subjects/activities such as PE, science labs, etc.  
Skirts must be no more than 4 inches above the knees

## Accessories and Jewelry:

Simple stud earrings and a watch are permitted.  
No other jewelry should be worn.  
Neutral, subtle make-up is permitted. If make-up is too heavy, the Head of Year may ask a student to remove their make up.  
Subtle colors of nail varnish are permitted.  
Natural hair colors only.  
Religious items of clothing and accessories are permitted.  
BIS Houston hoodies may only be worn on Spirit Days.

**See visual guide on p6 for formal uniform examples.**

(Please see Page 2 for further details regarding the status of uniforms from FlynnO'Hara)



# ACADEMY YEARS 12-13

As students prepare for the next phase of their educational journey, a business smart attire appropriate for a school environment is the dress code. Students may choose their own clothing whilst following the guidelines and policies.

## POLICIES

- Students with hair longer than shoulder length must bring a hair tie to school as they will be requested to tie up for practical subjects/activities such as PE, science labs, etc.
- Skirts must be no more than 4 inches above the knees
- Accessories and Jewelry: Simple stud earrings and a watch are permitted. No other jewelry should be worn.
- Neutral, subtle make-up is permitted. If make-up is too heavy, teachers may ask a student to remove their make up.
- Subtle colors of nail varnish are permitted.
- Natural hair colors only.
- Religious items of clothing and accessories are permitted.
- BIS Houston hoodies may only be worn on Spirit Days.

## Guidelines

### Shirts:

Formal shirt with a collar and must be tucked in at all times. On formal days, ties must be worn with a collared shirt. Blouse with sleeves and high neckline that cover the chest, back, or shoulders.

### Bottoms:

Formal trousers  
Skirt or dress no higher than 4 inches above the knee

### Shoes:

Formal, polished shoes  
Heels are allowed with a heel no higher than 3 inches  
Trainers are only permitted to be worn during PE and on Spirit Day/Sports Days  
Dr Marten (or similar) boots are not acceptance uniform footwear

### PE Kit, available through the uniform provider (see p3):

Grey BIS Houston PE Shirt (old logo PE shirts are available through 2nd hand uniform sale)  
Navy blue shorts  
Non-marking trainers  
For cold weather PE bottoms, students may wear leggings under their PE shorts or any navy blue joggers.

### Swim Kit (if applicable)

One piece swim suit, black or navy blue or rash guard + trunks/shorts  
Goggles, Swim cap, Water shoes or flip flops

### Options for Cold Weather

BIS Houston navy blue uniform items (i.e. navy blue sweater, crewneck, cardigan)  
Blazers  
Sweaters  
Cardigans  
Hoodies and sweatshirts are not options for cold weather  
Mondays - Thursdays





# SPIRIT DAYS



Every Friday BIS Houston has Spirit Day and it is an extension of our regular dress code. On Spirit Days we celebrate different aspects of our community by wearing school Spirit wear. Spirit Day aims to bring together our students of all ages and unites the school through our “Bulldog Pride”.

## What To Wear on Spirit Days

**Shirts:** (May be purchased in the Spirit Store or custom Spirit Wear may be ordered online)  
Any school printed attire (e.g. Global Games, school trip attire, school sports teams, Spirit Shirts, etc)

### Bottoms:

Any bottoms, of appropriate length may be worn. These include smart jeans, chinos, skirts, leggings, shorts, skorts. All skirts and skorts must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.

### Shoes:

Any trainers, or close-toed shoes that can be secured with laces, velcro, or heel straps.  
Flip flops, sandals, clogs and slides are not acceptable footwear.

### In Cold Weather:

Spirit hoodies may be worn over any other spirit wear. For safety reasons, hoodies may not be worn on play areas or the spider web.

Uniforms may be worn on Spirit Days as well.

### Policies:

Students should not wear torn clothing or denim, or sleeping attire.  
Short, closely fitted fitness shorts are not permitted. However, full length leggings are permitted.





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