THE BRIGHT SCHOOL

Uniform Guidelines and Tips

Uniforms are required for grades PK-5. We expect our students to present a consistent and acceptable appearance in dress, attitude and performance each day. The Bright School logo is required on several items. Only vendors approved by the school have permission to embroider or heat press the logo on clothing and other items. These vendors are **Land's End**, **School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger**, **Educational Outfitters** and **Threads on Signal**. The logo is used in white on evergreen and navy, and the logo is used in navy on white, light yellow and light blue. The full-color logo is not used on uniform clothing. The Parents' Association oversees used uniform sales throughout the year, and these are good opportunities to stock your child's closet.



WHITE ON EVERGREEN OR NAVY



NAVY ON WHITE, LIGHT YELLOW OR LIGHT BLUE


DRESS GORDON

Required Uniform Clothing

Grades PK-5 are required to wear specific uniform colors for performing at Thanksgiving and Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day. These are navy bottoms (pants, skirts, skorts or jumpers) and white polo shirts with short or long sleeves and the logo. Students do not wear shorts for these performances.

Fourth graders are required to wear khaki bottoms (no shorts) and white polo shirts with short or long sleeves and the logo for performing at graduation.

Fifth grade boys are required to wear khaki pants and white button-down long-sleeve shirts with a Bright plaid (Dress Gordon) tie or bowtie for graduation. Plaid ties or bowties may be purchased from Land's End and Educational Outfitters.

Tip: White polo shirts are easily stained. Keep one in the closet just to wear for performances.

Uniform Tops

• Knit polo shirts with the Bright logo in short or long sleeves and in these colors only: white, light yellow, light blue, evergreen and navy. Polos may be bought and embroidered through the approved vendors mentioned above or bought at a different store such as Old Navy, Target, or The Children's Place and embroidered/heat pressed at Threads on Signal or Educational Outfitters. Polo shirts must have a plain front with no pockets.
• Girls may wear a button-down blouse (Peter Pan collar) under a jumper, sweater, sweater vest or sweatshirt.
• Boys may wear a button-down shirt under a sweater, sweater vest or sweatshirt.
• Students may wear a white turtleneck under a jumper (girls), sweater, sweater vest or sweatshirt.
• The Bright logo may not be embroidered on button-down blouses or shirts or turtlenecks.
• Shirts must be tucked in.

Uniform Bottoms

• Boys: Pants or shorts in khaki or navy.
• Girls: Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or jumpers in khaki or navy.
• Pants and shorts may not be cargo styles. Pants are not form-fitting leggings. Jeans are not acceptable. Corduroy pants are acceptable.
• Girls: Skirts, skorts, or jumpers in Bright plaid (Dress Gordon) available only through Land's End, School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger, and Educational Outfitters.
• Boys and girls should wear brown, black or navy belts or the belts sold in the bookstore with pants or shorts. PK and K students may wear elastic waists without belts.

Uniform Dresses

• Girls may wear knit polo dresses, short or long sleeves, in navy or evergreen with the white Bright logo. Knit polo dresses have collars. Other knit dresses are not part of the uniform. These dresses may be bought and embroidered through the approved vendors or bought at a different store such as Old Navy, Target, or The Children's Place and embroidered/heat pressed at Threads on Signal and Educational Outfitters.

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Shoes

• Tennis shoes are required daily. Shoes may not leave marks on any flooring surface. Lace-ups or Velcro are required. Slip-ons are not acceptable.
• Tennis shoes may not have sounds or wheels.
• Tennis shoes are the only acceptable shoes for students. Loafers, sandals, flip-flops, boots, and Mary Jane dress shoes may not be worn.
• Socks above the ankle should be solid white or solid navy. Boys may wear black athletic crew socks.

Other Items for Girls

• Girls wear shorts under dresses, jumpers and skirts. Bike or cartwheel shorts are recommended because they are less bulky.
• Girls may wear tights or leggings in solid navy, white, or gray. Black is not acceptable. Leggings must have no patterns, lace, ruffles or other embellishments. Leggings must be full-length, not capri.
• All dresses, skirts/skorts, and jumpers must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
• Hair bows, ribbons and headbands are acceptable in white, khaki, navy, evergreen, light yellow, light blue or Bright plaid.
• Accessories should be minimal and not distracting.

Sweaters and Sweatshirts

• Cardigan or v-neck sweaters in white, navy or evergreen. The Bright logo is allowed with these items but not required.
• Sweater vest in navy or evergreen. The Bright logo is allowed with these items but not required.
• Crewneck, half zip or full zip styles for sweatshirts or half zip or full zip fleece jackets in navy or evergreen with or without a hood. The Bright logo is allowed with these items but not required.
• A knit polo or button-down collared shirt must be worn under sweaters or sweatshirts. Shirts without logos may not be worn without a sweater (or jumper for girls) over them. If a child is going to take off his or her sweater or sweatshirt during the day, he or she must be wearing a shirt with a logo.
• Property of Bright School gray sweatshirts are sold in the bookstore.
• Plaid (Dress Gordon) Bright School appliqued sweatshirts are sold at Educational Outfitters.

Outerwear

• Students may wear jackets or coats of any sort to and from school and during outdoor recess but these items may not be worn during the regular school day, especially in classrooms and assemblies.
• Jackets sold in the bookstore or any of the approved sweatshirts, sweaters or fleeces may be worn at school and kept on throughout the day.

Tip: If your child is cold-natured or tends to be cold indoors, please keep an approved sweater or sweatshirt at school to be worn in the classroom.

Other

• Label all clothing! Often items end up in the lost and found bin. The bin is cleared out several times a year and unclaimed items donated to the used uniform sale or charities.
• Accidents happen! Younger children should keep an extra top and bottom at school just in case. Older children may change into clothes from the used uniform closet. We ask that parents either return these items clean or purchase them.

Free Dress Days, Pajama Day and T-Shirt Days

• Several times a year, students have free dress days. This means they do not have to wear uniforms. Generally, they will still be required to wear tennis shoes and will have the same activities during the day as a normal school day. They should dress according to the weather and temperature.
• Students have Pajama Day to celebrate the end of the Pajama Party Auction. We remind parents that students will still attend P.E., recess and other activities indoors and outdoors. They must wear tennis shoes. It is recommended that children wear pajamas instead of nightgowns, and athletic or lounging apparel also is acceptable instead of pajamas.
• Each month, a Friday will be designated as Bright T-Shirt Day. This means students may wear any Bright t-shirt with regular uniform bottoms. These shirts could be any Bright shirt such as an athletic shirt from the bookstore, Bonanza, Bright Fit, Bright World, Bright Days tie-dye, etc.
• For certain events such as Bonanza, Bright Fit and Bright World, there will be days when these shirts may be worn with uniform bottoms.
• Check the Woodshop weekly email and the weekly email from your child's teacher for announcements about special dress days.

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