

Uniform and Dress Code Policy

Capstone Classical Academy sets a high standard for students in their dress and appearance to express reverence for God and for the task of education and to demonstrate respect for one another. While preschool students do not have a uniform, they should be dressed comfortably to participate in daily activities and appropriately for outdoor play consistent with seasonal requirements.

The academy employs a uniform policy for grammar and upper school students in an effort to foster a sense of community and unity as well as to promote a positive work ethic and modesty. Students are expected to be in uniform when on campus unless a rare occasion has been designated by the school administration. Students will also wear their uniforms on most field trips and outings that occur during a typical school day. The uniform is governed by the following biblical principles.

The academy encourages parents to hold their children accountable for adhering to the uniform and dress code policy. When teachers must address infractions, precious time reserved for education is wasted. Uniform policy adherence is primarily the responsibility of the family at home.

1. The way we dress can honor God by reflecting respect for our bodies and for others or can dishonor God by showing disrespect for our bodies and others. (1 Corinthians 6:20)
2. We should not dress in a manner that draws self-gratifying attention. Instead we should be Christ-like in both conduct and dress. (Romans 13:14)
3. We should not view our physical appearance or beauty as the source of our value, but rather should see that our value is inherent as God's unique creation. We should strive to let our attractiveness emanate from a Christ-like spirit and good conduct. (1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Colossians 3:17)
4. All students must dress in uniform clothing designated by the academy for their biological, genetic sex confirmed at birth. (Genesis 1:27; Deut. 22:5)

Students are encouraged to honor the stated and implied principles of the uniform. We strongly discourage the practice of looking for loopholes and of applying a legalistic approach to the uniform in both practice and enforcement. Teachers do not enjoy reprimanding students and find even more distasteful debating with them over the uniform standards. Let's work together to make the uniform a useful tool.

Guidelines are separated by gender and age group. Please also note the Rules for General Appearance for Boys and Girls section, which applies to all Capstone students, at the end of the policy.

Uniform Guidelines

Students must wear clothing and accessories provided by the school's designated vendor when attending classes or on school-sponsored trips except in the case of any exceptions outlined below or in cases of special events for which the Headmaster has granted permission for variance from the uniform policy. Uniforms may be ordered from the academy's website. All accessories sold by our vendor on Capstone's vendor website are permitted (such as hair bows, crossover ties, ties for K-6 boys, etc.).

Pre-K Girls (Effective starting in '24-'25 academic year.)

1. Options for bottoms include a khaki or navy jumper, khaki chinos, or khaki shorts that meet the length requirement listed below. These items may be purchased anywhere. The Capstone plaid jumper may be purchased from Donald's Uniform, but it is not required. Leggings may be purchased anywhere and may only be worn under a jumper, not as pants.
2. Options for tops include navy or white collared polo (short- or long-sleeve options are both acceptable) and navy or white cardigan. They may be purchased anywhere. Capstone logo polos,

Peter pan blouse, quarter-zip performance sweatshirt, and navy cardigan sweater may be purchased from Donald's Uniform, but they are not required.

3. Navy or white leggings or navy modesty (bike) shorts are for wearing under the jumper and may be purchased anywhere. Navy or white socks and tights may be purchased anywhere.
4. Shoes may be purchased anywhere. They must be closed toe and heel (for safety) and may include tennis shoes, casual, or dress shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and crocs are prohibited.

K-6 Girls

1. Options for bottoms include the plaid jumper or skirt and the khaki pants.
2. Options for tops include the Peter Pan blouse, the navy knit polo, the navy 1/4 zip performance sweatshirt, and the navy cardigan sweater. 6th graders also have the option of a white Oxford shirt.
All tops but the Peter Pan blouse and Oxford must be purchased with the Capstone logo.
3. The Oxford or Peter Pan blouse is required for grade 6 on designated formal days.
4. Navy leggings (optional) and navy modesty (bike) shorts (required) for wearing under the jumper and skirt are also provided by our supplier but may be purchased elsewhere.
5. Navy or white socks and tights are available from our provider, but may be purchased anywhere.
6. Brown or black belts are available from our provider but may also be purchased elsewhere.
7. Girls may select our plaid crossover tie but it is not a required item until 7th grade, where it is worn on designated formal days.
8. Shoes may be purchased anywhere, must be closed toe and heel (for safety), and may include tennis shoes, business casual, or dress shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and crocs are prohibited.
9. Business casual or dress shoes are required for designated formal days for grade 6. Tennis shoes or Hey Dudes (or similar style) may not be worn on formal days.
10. Accessories such as hair bows and crossover ties are optional and may be purchased from our provider or elsewhere but must be only in navy and white patterns or solids.

7th-8th Girls

1. Options for bottoms include the khaki pants, the plaid skirt, and the plaid jumper (if it meets length requirements delineated in rules for appearance below).
2. Options for tops include the white Oxford, the Peter Pan blouse, the navy 1/4 zip performance sweatshirt, the navy blazer, the navy cardigan, and on designated casual days only, the navy knit polos. **All tops but the Oxford and Peter Pan must be purchased with the Capstone logo.**
3. Navy leggings (optional) and navy modesty (bike) shorts (required) for wearing under the skirt are provided by our supplier but may be purchased elsewhere.
4. Navy or white socks and tights are available from our provider, but these may also be purchased elsewhere.
5. Brown or black belts are available from our provider but may also be purchased elsewhere.
6. The plaid crossover tie is required for designated formal days.
7. Shoes must be brown, navy, or black business casual or dress shoes. Tennis shoes are only permitted during PE and athletics—not for all-day wear. Flip-flops, sandals, and crocs are prohibited.
8. The Capstone PE uniform must be worn during PE classes. (Once in permanent campus.)
9. Accessories such as hair bows and crossover ties are optional and may be purchased from our provider or elsewhere but must be only in navy and white patterns or solids..

Pre-K Boys (Effective starting in '24-'25 academic year.)

1. Options for bottoms include khaki chino pants and khaki shorts that meet the length requirement listed below. These items may be purchased anywhere.
2. Options for tops include navy or white collared polo. Short- or long-sleeve options are both acceptable and may be purchased anywhere. The Capstone logo navy polo, Oxford shirt, quarter-zip performance sweatshirt, or navy sweater may be purchased from Donald's Uniform, but they are not required.
3. Navy or white socks may be purchased anywhere.

4. Shoes may be purchased anywhere. They must be closed toe and heel (for safety) and may include tennis shoes, casual, or dress shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and crocs are prohibited.

K-6 Boys

1. Options for bottoms include khaki pants and khaki shorts.
2. Options for tops include navy knit polos and 1/4 zip navy sweatshirts for all boys in K-6, with the addition of white Oxfords for grade 6. **All tops but the Oxford must be purchased with the Capstone logo.**
3. The Oxford shirt is required for designated formal days for grade 6.
4. Navy, khaki, and brown socks are available from our provider but may be purchased anywhere.
5. Brown or black belts are available from our provider but may also be purchased elsewhere.
6. Our uniform tie may be purchased from our provider but is not required for boys until 7th grade on designated formal days.
7. Shoes may be purchased anywhere, must be closed toe and heel (for safety), and may include tennis shoes, business casual, or dress shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and crocs are prohibited.
8. Business casual or dress shoes are required for designated formal days for grade 6. Tennis shoes or Hey Dudes (or similar style) may not be worn on formal days.

7-8 Boys

1. Options for bottoms include khaki pants and khaki shorts.
2. Options for tops include the white Oxford (daily wear), the navy cardigan, the navy 1/4-zip performance sweatshirt, the navy sweater vest, the navy blazer, and on designated casual days only, the navy knit polos. **All tops but the Oxford must be purchased with the Capstone logo.**
3. Navy, khaki, and brown socks are available from our provider but may be purchased anywhere.
4. Brown or black belts are available from our provider but may also be purchased elsewhere.
5. A tie is required for designated formal days and may be purchased from our provider. If the plaid uniform tie is selected, it must be purchased from our provider. A purple and gold awning striped tie may also be worn on formal days and may be purchased from any provider.
6. Shoes must be brown, navy, or black business casual or dress shoes. Tennis shoes are only permitted during PE and athletics—not for all-day wear. Flip-flops, sandals, and crocs are prohibited.
7. The Capstone PE uniform must be worn during PE classes. (Once in permanent campus)

Rules for General Appearance for Boys and Girls

1. Hair should be neat and clean. Hairstyles that draw undue attention and distract students from learning are prohibited. Hair must be kept out of the eyes and may not be dyed in colors that are not naturally occurring in the human genome.
2. Hats may not be worn in the building.
3. Girls may only wear two earrings per ear, and boys may not have any ear piercing. Nose rings and studs must be subtle and not unduly large or bold. All other piercing is prohibited.
4. Tattoos, real or play, are discouraged and must be covered.
5. Excessive jewelry is prohibited. One necklace, bracelet or anklet may be worn per appendage.
6. Students may be asked to remove certain types of jewelry that do not meet the tone or intent of the uniform guidelines.
7. Shirts must be buttoned up to just below the neck.
8. Clothing must always be modest enough to cover the midriff, back, and all undergarments in any range of motion.
9. As a general rule, skirts and shorts should extend beyond the finger tips when arms are resting at one's sides. Parents and students should use their own best judgment when clothing that meets this guideline is immodest with certain styles and body types.
10. Starting in 3rd grade, boys must tuck in shirts and wear a belt.
11. Socks must be worn (for safety). Permitted sock colors are listed in the uniform guidelines above.

For both on-campus and off-campus events sponsored by the academy and not requiring uniform clothing, the following rules apply.

- Tight, form-fitting apparel such as yoga pants and skinny jeans are not permitted.
- Clothing with rips or tears are not permitted.
- Shorts should be finger-tip in length and skirts and dresses should reach the top of the knee.
- Text or images should not appear on pants or shorts bottoms.
- Tank tops are not permitted.
- Tops with plunging necklines, revealing the belly or midriff, or are tight to the skin are not permitted.
- Any writing or images should be “G-rated” and should not state or imply messages that would be in conflict with the school’s mission.
- When applicable, two-piece or male speedo bathing suits are not permitted.

Designated Formal Days

Formal days are for all students in grades 6-12. For events that occur in the evening, formal attire should be worn during the school day as well as for the event itself, unless otherwise specified.

- Convocation Day
- Grandparents Day
- Thanksgiving Feast and Poetry Exhibition
- Band Christmas Concert (wear formal uniform to school; wear attire specified by teacher for the concert)
- Choir Christmas Concert (wear formal uniform to school; wear attire specified by teacher for the concert)
- 119 Day
- State of School Day
- Young Authors Day
- Spring Band Concert (wear formal uniform to school; wear attire specified by teacher for the concert)
- Choir Easter Concert (wear formal attire to school; wear attire specified by teacher for the concert)
- Theater Production
- Teacher Appreciation Assembly
- Art Show
- Thanksgiving Worship Day
- Barnabas Day

Golden Gryphon Gear Days

Fridays are Golden Gryphon Gear days at Capstone. If there is no school on a Friday, there is no Golden Gryphon Gear Day that week.

Students may wear a Capstone or Golden Gryphon top with their standard uniform bottom. Golden Gryphon Gear must be purchased through CPF. Capstone crest apparel must be purchased through PromoPlus. Athletic uniform items are acceptable as long as they meet our typical uniform standards.

For details about producing apparel and other items with the Capstone name, crest logo, and Golden Gryphon logo, please see the Name and Logo Use section of the Parent/Student Handbook.