

## OUR LADY OF MERCY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The purpose of the Mercy uniform is:

- To identify individuals as members of the Mercy community.
- To promote an awareness of equality among individuals, regardless of economic background, ethnic or cultural differences or social environment.
- To encourage students to concentrate on academics and not on styles, brands, etc.

The uniform consists of a skirt (blue plaid for middle school; solid navy blue for high school), navy blue slacks or navy blue shorts, a white or navy three-button polo with Mercy lettering, low-heeled shoes that are closed in front and back, and **solid** colored socks or tights in navy, black, tan, or white. In addition, students may wear the Mercy navy blue v-neck sweater or sleeveless sweater vest imprinted with the Mercy shield.\*

Boots may be worn from Nov. 1 – Mar. 31 only.

Uniform items are available at Stitchworks and/or Lands' End.\*\* The polo, sweater, and sweater vest are available at Mercy's bookstore as well.

\*sweater or sweater vest is optional and available only at Stitchworks or Mercy bookstore at this time.

\*\* Our Lands' End preferred school # is 900145384. We will soon have a link on our website to direct you to the Lands' End school catalog.

**NB:** Seniors have the option of khaki colored slacks, shorts, or skirt.

### DRESS GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Skirts and shorts: no shorter than two inches above the knee
- If a student chooses to wear a t-shirt under her polo, it must be the **same color** as the polo; i.e. white under white and navy under navy.
- Footless tights are not permitted.
- Sweatshirts are not permitted except on designated sweatshirt days or dress down days
- Slacks must be worn over a student's boots, not tucked in.
- The student's hair, make-up and jewelry must be clean and neat. Only natural hair colors are acceptable during school days. Hats, bandannas, or head coverings are not permitted.
- Facial jewelry, including tongue piercing, nose studs, and visible spacers are not permitted.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.

In keeping with the standard of modesty and safety in dress, certain items of apparel are **never permitted**, including out of dress code days; for example, skin-tight clothing, lingerie- or pajama-style clothing, bare midriffs, slit or ripped skirts/shorts/slacks, micro-mini skirts, cut offs, halters, spandex,, camouflage or oversized clothing, low cut shirts/tops, see-through shirts/tops, spaghetti straps, exposed bra straps, exposed underwear, or extremely high-heeled shoes.

Mercy students are expected to show pride in their appearance at all times. Writing or drawing on any part of a student's dress code clothing is not permitted.

**The Administration reserves the right to determine if a student is within the dress code. The strict interpretation of this dress code is left entirely to the judgment of the Administration and Our Lady of Mercy faculty. Students in violation will receive detention. In the instance of repeat offenders, parents will be contacted.**