

Our Lady of Angels 2025-2026 Dress Code “Cheat Sheet”

Our Lady of Angels School dress code fosters a sense of unity and school identity among our students that reflects our Catholic educational traditions. It promotes a focused academic environment by reducing potential distractions in the classroom. The common attire enhances safety by helping to easily identify our students should an emergency situation arise. **The dress code of Our Lady of Angels School applies during regular school days and is outlined below:**

ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE

- ~ Teachers in grades K-3 will address dress code violations within their classrooms using their own classroom management system and will notify parents for repeated violations.
correctable violations (hooded sweatshirts, untucked shirts, etc.). Students with uncorrectable violations (unacceptable shoes, skirts too short, etc) will be issued a demerit. After homeroom, students found to have any correctable violations will receive a demerit.
- ~ **Parents may be asked to bring proper school attire if the student is not in compliance with the dress code.**

SKIRT AND JUMPER OPTION FOR GIRLS

- ~ Plaid uniform jumper for girls in grades K-4 (shorts **must** be worn under the jumper).
- ~ Plaid uniform skirt worn at natural waist for girls in grades in 5-8 (shorts must be worn under skirt).
- ~ Length: **Skirts and jumpers must touch the student's knees NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ~ **Optional** solid, plain black leggings or tights (footed or non-footed) **can be worn under the skirt or the jumper. Leggings must reach the ankle and may not have flared ankles.**

UNIFORM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Pants

- ~ Solid navy or khaki-colored uniform straight leg dress pants. Pants should be of a standard fit (not skin-tight or baggy) and may not be cargo pants.
- ~ **A black, brown or navy colored belt must be worn by students in grades 5-8 if their pants have belt loops.** Decorative belt buckles are not permitted.
- ~ Students in grades K-3 may wear pants with an elastic waistband.

Shirts

- ~ **Students must wear a white or navy-blue polo shirt. No other colors are permitted.**
- ~ **Students in Grade 8 may wear a white or navy blue collared, button-down shirt with a tie. No other colors are permitted. Any words/imagery on the tie must be appropriate for a Catholic school.**
- ~ Shirts may not have writing or pictures on them. Shirts with a small brand logo embroidered on the front breast are permitted (IZOD, Polo, etc)
- ~ **All** shirts must be tucked in.

Sweaters

- ~ Solid-colored (**navy, dark green, red**) cardigan, crew or v-neck sweaters are permitted to be worn over the regular uniform shirt during colder months.
- ~ OLA-branded sweatshirts are permitted to be worn over the regular uniform shirt.
- ~ **Non-OLA sweatshirts must be solid Navy Blue or Hunter Green in color with no logos or imagery other than a small brand logo on the front breast (IZOD, Polo, etc)**
- ~ **Hooded sweatshirts of any kind are NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING.** Hooded sweatshirts are permitted to be worn outside during recess and before/after school.

Socks

- ~ Socks must be worn and may not extend past the bottom of the knee.
- ~ Socks are not required for girls wearing footed leggings or tights under a skirt or jumper.
- ~ **Sock designs or images must be school appropriate.**

Shoes

- ~ **Students are to wear SOLID black or brown shoes.**
- ~ **Shoes' tops, soles & laces must all be one solid color. Stripes, swooshes, logos etc. in a contrasting color are not permitted.**
- ~ Heels higher than 1" are not permitted.
- ~ **High tops and boots are not permitted.**
- ~ Shoes **must cover the students' toes and heels.**

Uniform Shorts/Skorts

- ~ During the months of August/September and May/June, students are permitted to wear shorts instead of pants, jumpers or skirts. Girls may also wear skorts (hybrid skirt/shorts) during these months.
- ~ Shorts/Skorts must be solid navy or khaki in color and may not have cargo style pockets on the sides.
- ~ Length: **Shorts/Skorts must reach the top of the students' knees.**

Accessories/Make-up

- ~ Students are not permitted to wear any make-up other than light concealer for acne or skin issues.

- ~ Girls are permitted to wear a single post earring or **small hoop earring (small enough that a finger cannot fit through the hoop) in the lobe of each ear.** *No other piercings are permitted.*
- ~ Boys may not have piercings of any kind.
- ~ A single necklace worn under the shirt is permitted.
- ~ **Smartwatches that are capable of sending and receiving text messages are not permitted.**
- ~ **A single ring and bracelet is permitted to be worn on each hand.**
- ~ **The only fingernail polish colors that are permitted are pale pink, clear or tan so as to look natural.**
- ~ **Fingernails may not extend more than one-eighth inch past the tip of the finger.**
- ~ Hats and other outerwear may not be worn in the building during the school day.
- ~ Tattoos, whether temporary, permanent, or **hand-drawn** are not permitted.

Hair

- ~ Hair may be dyed or highlighted but **it must be a natural color and any highlights must be a natural color.** For example, hair or highlights that are pink, blue, unnatural red, orange, etc. are not permitted.
- ~ Extreme changes from one color to another, like ombré, are not permitted.
- ~ **Haircuts should not impede the vision of the student.**
- ~ Designs, patterns, words, etc may not be cut into hair.
- ~ **Excessively styled, spiked, mohawk, or unkempt hair is not permitted.**
- ~ **For boys, hair must be cut above their collars, ears, and eyebrows.**
- ~ Facial hair is not permitted.
- ~ Any student not in compliance with the uniform code regarding his/her hair will be issued a demerit and will be given one weekend to correct the problem. If the student is not in compliance after the weekend, they will not be permitted to return to school until they are in compliance.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

- ~ **Shirt - Students must wear the official gray OLA gym shirt or solid gray t-shirt. Shirts worn inside out will NOT be permitted.**
- ~ **Shorts:** Students may wear official OLA branded gym shorts or plain gray or navy-blue shorts with no logos, different color stripes, writing. In the months of October through April, shorts may be worn under sweatpants which can be removed for gym class.
- ~ **Sweatpants:** Students may wear official OLA branded sweatpants or plain gray or navy-blue sweatpants with no logos, different color stripes, or writing.
- ~ **Shoes:** Athletic shoes with non-marking soles are permitted.

The PE Uniform is to be worn to school by students in grades K-8 on days that they have physical education class. They will not be changing their clothes during the school day.

ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE INFORMATION

Non-Uniform Days

Occasionally there will be days where students are permitted to be out of uniform by “dressing up” (Picture Day, Graduation, etc.) or “dressing down”. Sports uniforms do not automatically comply with the rules below (ie sleeveless tops, skirts too short) so they must be worn on top of t-shirts or other apparel to be permitted. The following rules apply to all non-uniform days:

- ~ **Tank, sleeveless or narrow strap tops may not be worn.** No cold shoulder tops. Shoulders must be covered.
- ~ Tops that have low-cut necklines or that expose bare midriff when sitting, stretching, bending, stooping, etc. may not be worn.
- ~ Skirts, dresses, shorts and skorts **must reach the top of the student’s knees.**
- ~ Writing on clothing may not contain vulgar and/or inappropriate wording, pictures, gestures.
- ~ Footwear: No sandals (including flip-flops and slides), crocs, or slippers of any kind.
- ~ Beachwear type clothing is prohibited.
- ~ No leggings are permitted to be worn as pants.
- ~ **Pajama bottoms may not be worn.**
- ~ **Hoodies may be worn but hood must remain down at all times**

Condition of Uniforms

Shirts, pants, gym uniforms and shoes should be clean, neat and in good condition. No ripped, torn, or excessively worn clothing may be worn. All uniforms should fit the student comfortably.

Any clothing or accessories not addressed in this policy are not permitted to be worn/used at school. The principal and the pastor of OLA reserve the right to alter the policy and will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of student appearance while at school.

School and Physical Education uniforms may be found at:

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