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Kindergarten - 6th Grade Uniform Guide

2023-2024

AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Students must adhere to the APA dress code before, during, and after school while on campus, as well as during school field trips. School administration has final discretion regarding uniform compliance. Students will not be allowed to attend class if they are out of uniform. Style guides are provided so parents know what item meets the uniform guidelines. If a parent finds an item similar to the sale guide example it is acceptable. Parents may purchase items from any vendor.

Official APA Nametags are to be worn on the right side EVERY DAY

General

- 1. All clothing must be clean and in good repair (without holes).
- 2. We recommend you label all clothing with your child's name.
- 3. Permanent or temporary tattoos, body art, colored or designed adhesives on visible skin surfaces are not allowed.
- 4. Short fingernails to allow for proper participation in all academic activities are required of all students.

Head and Neck

- 5. <u>Hats</u> may not be worn in the building. Hats are allowed for warmth or shade during outside recess or during a school activity that requires hats.
- 6. Hair should be clean and well groomed. Hair may be any length as long as it is not a distracting style or color or covering the eyes or face. Hair that is an unnatural color or extreme styling is distracting and not allowed. For boys or girls, hair must be trimmed or pulled back in a hair tie if it is in the eyes, covering the face or otherwise distracting. Faux hawks must be shorter than 3" and of graduated height from the other hair. No mohawks.
- 7. <u>Hair Accessories</u> or extensions may be worn in girls' hair if they are appropriate in size and color. Appropriate hair accessory colors include black, navy, red, or white and must be solid in color, or in plaid. **Religious headdress is allowed in accordance with these APA standards for size and color.**
- 8. Piercing shall be limited to one piercing in ears only. Gauges are not allowed.
- 9. <u>Jewelry</u> should be limited to items that do not distract or present a safety hazard. Some items that distract: large earnings, multiple bracelets or large bangles, necklaces that are large and/or worn over the shirt/tie.

Upper Body

1. <u>Undergarments (t-shirts, etc.)</u> may be long or short sleeve and must be plain white (no lace or patterns). Undershirts may be navy if worn under navy polo shirts. Colored and patterned bras must not be visible through shirts.

- 2. <u>Sweatshirts</u> such as crew neck sweatshirts, hooded pull-over sweatshirt, and hooded zip-up sweatshirts may be worn on Fridays under the following conditions: plain navy or APA logo only, hoods only worn outside.
- 3. Oxford style shirts must be tucked in when worn with pants. Girls may wear blouses un-tucked ONLY over skirts and if the shirt does not extend more than 4" below the sweater. All buttons on dress shirts must be buttoned.
- 4. <u>Logos</u> other than American Preparatory Academy must not be visible on shirts or sweaters. American Preparatory Academy logo items are not required but may be purchased through the school website or school stores.
- 5. <u>Ties</u> must be cinched and pulled tight and <u>cross ties</u> must be snapped or buttoned closed.

Lower Body

- 1. Girls: Skirts or jumpers to the knee, with tights or knee-high stockings.
- 2. If leggings worn under skirts or jumpers, the leggings must be black or navy and full-length with no holes. Stockings must come to the bottom of the leggings.
- 3. Bike shorts are recommended under skirts and jumpers for playground activities.
- 4. Slacks must fit the following description: Uniform style slacks (no denim or corduroy). Belted, pleated or flat front, long enough to cover top of shoe, short enough to stay off floor when worn with shoes, worn no more than 2" below waist, no cargo pants or outside pockets (patch pockets). Khakis must match color of Dockers or Lee khaki (not stone colored). No tight-fitting slacks must be able to pinch one inch of fabric in front and back. Slacks may NOT be tapered. Pants may not be skinnier at the ankle than at the knee.

Feet

Black shoes with no embellishments or visible patterns.

Distracting colors or styles are not approved (including on Fridays). Boots are not allowed for boys.

Logo Items are not required but may be purchased at <u>www.americanprep.org</u> or school store.

Uniform Purchasing and Family Hardship

If parents are undergoing a hardship and need assistance affording the school uniform, APA has several ways to assist.

- Used Uniform Sales FSO parent volunteers run used uniform sales a few times per year where uniform pieces can be purchased at very economical prices
- Administrator's Uniform Closet School administrators have access to a uniform closet for special needs.
- Hardship Fund APA has a fund to assist families experiencing hardship.

Please contact your school's Administrative Director if you need assistance procuring uniform items.

K-3 GRADE GIRLS UNIFORM

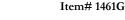
Navy or Plaid Jumper





White Dress Shirt

Short or long sleeves
Broadcloth or cotton fabric
White or clear buttons
Example: French Toast
Short Sleeve Peter Pan Blouse (Feminine Fit)



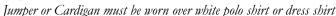
White Polo Shirt

White or clear buttons Short or long sleeves Example: French Toast Short Sleeve Interlock Knit Polo



Plaid or Navy Jumper

Round or V-neck plaid jumper
Jumper should be to the knee when standing or sitting
Example: French Toast
V-Neck Pleated Plaid Jumper & V-Neck Pleated Jumper
Item# 1047G & 1046G



K-3 GRADE GIRLS UNIFORM

Navy Slacks* (uniform style)

Cargo, denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy pants are not allowed. Navy uniform style pants only. No outside pockets, no tapering from knee to ankle, no skinny pants. Example: French Toast Girls Adjustable Waist Pant Item# 1315B



Khaki Shorts* (uniform style)

Cargo, denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy shorts are not allowed. Khaki uniform style shorts only. Must reach the knee when standing.

*** ONLY ALLOWED DURING 1st OR 5th TERM

If pants/shorts are worn, white shirt should be worn with either a navy vest or a navy cardigan

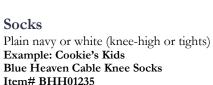


Navy Sweater

Cardigan style

Logo sweater available at <u>www.americanprep.org</u> or school store.

Plain example: French Toast Anti-Pill Crew Neck Cardigan & V-Neck Sweater Item# 1371G & 1029H



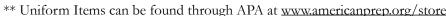


Shoes

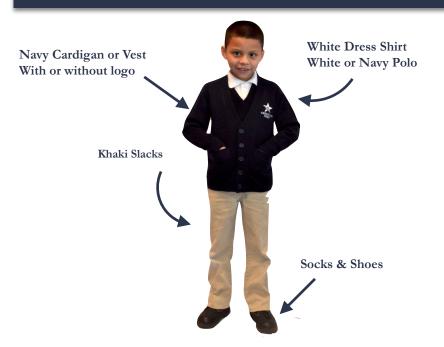
Solid color black athletic or dress shoes with non-marking soles. Boots-- ONLY October thru April 1st, or black boots; low heels; optional - bring P.E. shoes. Shoelaces must match shoe color.

Example: Cookie's Kids

Easy Strider Girls "Swoop Stitch" Mary Janes Item# MAS01376



K-3 GRADE BOYS UNIFORM





White Dress Shirt

Broadcloth or cotton fabric with button down collar White or clear buttons
Short or long sleeves
Example: French Toast
Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt
Item# 1020F

White or Navy Polo

White or clear buttons
Plain or APA Logo
Short or long sleeves
APA Navy Logo polo available at
www.americanprep.org.

Plain polo example: French Toast Short Sleeve Interlock Knit Polo Item# 1010H



K-3 GRADE BOYS UNIFORM



Khaki Slacks (uniform style)

Pants may not be stone colored, cargo pants, denim, baggy, tight-fitting, or corduroy. Khaki uniform style only. No sewn outside pockets.

Example: French Toast Khaki Pant Item# 1558Y



Khaki Shorts* (uniform style)

Cargo, denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy shorts are not allowed. Khaki uniform style shorts only. Must reach the knee when standing.

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Sweater vests or sweaters are optional but must be worn over white shirts at all times unless permission is given by a teacher to remove the sweater at school. Cardigan or pullover style may be worn if the student prefers but cardigan **must be buttoned at all times**.

Example: French Toast

Anti-Pill Crew Neck Cardigan & V-Neck Sweater Item# 1370F & 1029H



Shoes

Solid color black athletic or dress shoes with non-marking soles; optional - bring P.E. shoes. Shoelaces must match shoe color.

Example: French Toast Comfort Shoe With Action Sole (Cole) Item# 2522Z



Plain brown, black, white, navy, or tan Example: Cookie's Kids Classic Dress Socks Item# SOC01237



** Uniform Items can be found through APA at www.americanprep.org/store

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4-6 GRADE GIRLS UNIFORM



Plaid Skirt

There are several brands of allowable skirts. Skirt must come to the knee when standing or sitting. Following are examples of allowed skirts. Some have attached shorts underneath.

Example: French Toast Plaid Pleated Skirt Item# 1065G



Example Lands End **School Uniform Girls** Plaid Pleated Skort Top of Knee Item# 458605BP2

Navy Slacks (uniform style)

Cargo, denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy pants are not allowed. Navy uniform style pants only. No outside pockets, no tapering from knee to ankle, no skinny pants.



Example: French Toast Girls Adjustable Waist Pant Item# 1315B

Example: French Toast Adjustable Waist Pleated Pant Item# 1522B



Khaki Shorts* (uniform style)

Cargo, denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy shorts are not allowed. Khaki uniform style shorts only. Must reach the knee when standing.

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4-6 GRADE GIRLS UNIFORM



Navy Blazer

Navy blazers may be worn in place of sweaters. Blazers must have the APA Crest sewn on left side. True Value carries the blazer with crest, or crest patches can be purchased from APA and applied to blazer (parent responsibility to have crest applied).

Blazers with crests can be purchased at True Value in WVC

Example French Toast Classic School Blazer Item# 1945G



Short or long sleeve

Broadcloth or cotton fabric with button down collar

White or clear buttons

Example: French Toast Short Sleeve Peter Pan Blouse (Feminine Fit)

Item# 1461G



Navy Sweater Vest or Sweater Sweater vests or sweaters should be worn over white

shirts at all times unless permission is given by a teacher to remove the sweater. Cardigan or pullover style may be worn but, cardigan must be buttoned

at all times.

Item# 1371G & 1029H

Logo sweaters available at www.americanprep.org or school store. Plain sweater example: French Toast Anti-Pill Crew Neck Cardigan & V-Neck Sweater

Plaid Crosstie

Plaid crosstie must be worn with plaid skirt

Example: French Toast Adjustable Plaid Cross Tie

Item# 10754



Shoes

Shoes must be solid black (ie. black soles, black laces) and closed-toed; low to medium heel.

Black boots with low heels allowed from October thru April 1st ONLY.

Example: Cookie's Kids "Dara" Flats Item# LTG02578

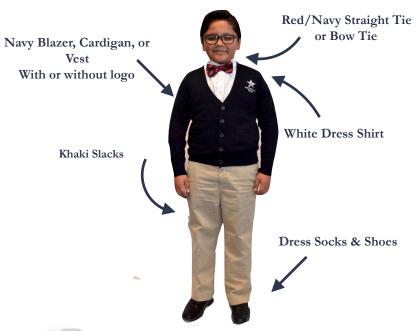


Plain navy or white (knee-high or tights)

Example: Cookie's Kids Blue Heaven Cable Knee Socks Item# BHH01235



4-6 GRADE BOYS UNIFORM





White Dress Shirt

Short or long sleeves, White or clear buttons Broadcloth or cotton fabric with button down collar

Example: French Toast Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt Item# 1020F

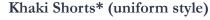
Khaki Slacks (uniform style)

Pants may not be stone colored, cargo pants, denim, baggy, tight-fitting, or corduroy. Khaki uniform style only. No sewn outside pockets.

Example: French Toast Young Mens University Pant



Red/Navy Long Tie or Bow tie Tie, zip, or clip on ties are acceptable. Example: APA APPAREL



Cargo, denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy shorts are not allowed. Khaki uniform style shorts only. Must reach the knee when standing.

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1st And 5th TERM

4-6 GRADE BOYS UNIFORM



Navy Blazer

Navy blazers with gold buttons may be worn in place of sweaters. Blazers must have the APA Crest sewn on left side. True Value carries the blazer with crest, or crest patches can be purchased from APA and applied to blazer (parent responsibility to have crest applied). Blazers with crests can be purchased at True Value in WVC

Navy Sweater Vest or Sweater

Sweater vests or sweaters should be worn over white shirts at all times unless permission is given by a teacher to remove the sweater. Cardigan or pullover style may be worn but cardigan **must be buttoned at all times.**

Logo Sweaters available at <u>www.americanprep.org</u> or at the school store.

Plain sweater example: French Toast Anti-Pill Crew Neck Cardigan & V-Neck Sweater Item# 1370F & 1029H





Shoes

All black shoes. No high-tops, no ankle boots, no boots. Shoes must not come above the bottom of the ankles. No adornments (rhinestones, fur, feathers, etc.). Shoe Upper and Sole must be all black.

Example: Cookie's Kids Jordano Collection Boys' "Groove Panel" Dress Shoe Item# ANG01303

Belt

Black only, without decoration Example: French Toast Nautica "Hyannis" Belt Item# RND01243

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Socks

Plain brown, black, white, navy, or tan Example: Cookie's Kids Classic Dress Socks Item# SOC01237

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ELEMENTARY POLO FRIDAY



Options:

Boys & Girls Navy Polo Shirt

Polo-style shirt must be dark navy with white or clear buttons. No logo required. APA logo polo shirt may be purchased from APA.

Girls Khaki Slacks or Skirt

Girls K-6th grade may choose to wear khaki slacks or skirts with the navy polos on Fridays. No sewn outside pockets (cargo pants) or skinny pants.

Shoes

4-6 grade girls and boys may wear solid black athletic shoe.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our Dress Code is based on our belief that uniforms:

- 1. Decrease distractions in the learning environment
- 2. Increase respect for learning (students, parents, staff)
- 3. Increase respect for students (staff, parents, public)
- 4. Simplify school readiness on a daily basis for parents and students
- 5. Prepare students for future success by teaching them professional dress

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American Preparatory Academy

UNIFORMS

VEST W/WHITE STAR

LOGO \$25 K-6



ROUND NECK CARDIGAN \$30 Girls K-3



V-NECK CARDIGAN W/ STAR LOGO \$30 K-6



VEST W/ CREST LOGO \$25 Grades 7-12



CARDIGAN W/CREST LOGO Grades 7-12



POLO WITH STAR LOGO \$15

All Students

***Logo items are not required

Items may be purchased at:

www.americanprep.org/store
or school stores

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT WEAR, HOW 'BOUT YOU?

ORDER UNIFORM APPAREL AND SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE ANYTIME AT **AMERICANPREP.ORG/STORE**



Spirit wear may be worn on designated spirit days

which will be twice per month Order online at www.americanprep.org/store

PURCHASING INFORMATION

Uniform items may be found at APA apparel or the following stores.

American Preparatory Academy Apparel

www.americanprep.org/store or at a pop up store

White and Light Blue Dress Shirts
Plaid Skirts

Plaid and Navy Jumpers

Khaki Dress Pants

High School Pants

Navy Cardigans (with and without logo)

Navy Vests (with and without logo)

Ties

Dress Socks

Spirit Wear

High School Girls Grey Skirt

Crest for Navy Blazer

High School Ties

Contact: apparel@apamail.org
With questions or if you need assistance

True Value Family Stores

www.familystoresschooluniforms.com 4860 South Redwood Rd.

Navy Blazer with American Prep's crest (only this vendor includes blazer w/crest)

White and Light Blue Dress Shirt

Plaid Skirts

Khaki Dress Pants

Plaid Skirts

Khaki Skirts

Navy Cardigans & Vests

Ties

Dress Socks

Girls Tights

Dress Shoes

Belts

PURCHASING INFORMATION

Uniform items may be found at APA apparel or the following stores.

French Toast Uniform

www.frenchtoast.com

White and Light Blue Dress Shirt

Plaid Skirts

Khaki Dress Pants

Khaki Skirts

Navy Cardigans & Vests

Ties

Dress Socks

Dennis Uniform

www.dennisuniform.com

3560 Main Street

Navy Blazer (crest not included but may be purchased at APA and applied)

White and Light Blue Dress Shirt

Plaid Skirts

Khaki Dress Pants

Khaki Skirts

Navy Cardigans & Vests

Ties

Dress Socks

Lands End

www.landsend.com

Navy Blazer (crest not included but may be purchased at APA and applied)

White and Light Blue Dress Shirt

Plaid Skirts

Khaki Dress Pants

Khaki Skirts

Navy Cardigans & Vests

Ties

Dress Socks

Girls Tights

Dress Shoes

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Belts

Old Navy

www.oldnavy.com

High School Boys Grey Slacks item#5532340223030