



THE ACADEMY OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS

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Student Dress Code

We believe that a simple and neat appearance helps our students focus and succeed. Uniforms promote unity, reduce distractions, and reflect the dignity of our learning environment. All clothing must be clean, in good repair, properly sized, and free of fading or discoloration. The administration reserves the right to interpret and adapt the dress code as needed during the school year.

Vendors

- The Locker Room in Spring Valley is our local vendor for Academy polo shirts, pullovers and fleeces, P.E. uniforms, and plaid jumpers, skirts, and skorts. For these items, please visit the Locker Room in person or see the online Academy store link. (ascauniforms2025.itemorder.com)
- All other clothing may be purchased at your preferred retailer.

Shirts

- Polo shirts (short or long sleeve) are supplied by the Locker Room and feature the embroidered Academy logo. Available colors: red, white, or navy.
- Girls may wear a white blouse with a rounded “Peter Pan” collar.
- Boys may wear a white button-down Oxford shirt.
- **For the 2025–2026 school year, previously purchased polos in plain red, navy, gray, or white without any previous logos may continue to be worn as part of the school uniform.**
- Undershirts must be plain white.

Shorts and Pants

- Khaki or navy shorts/pants in standard uniform style and fabric (no cargo, low-rise, form-fitting cuts, patch pockets, or rivets).
- Shorts must fall within three inches of the knee.
- Belts (black, brown, or navy) are required if belt loops are present.

Skirts, Skorts, and Jumpers

- Girls in grades K through 4 may wear jumpers supplied by the Locker Room.
- Skirts and skorts (khaki, navy, or school plaid) may be worn by all girls. Plaid options must be purchased from the Locker Room. Purchases made from other vendors must be in the traditional uniform style.
- Hemlines must be within three inches of the knee.

Outerwear

- Academy quarter-zip pullovers, as well as full and quarter-zip fleece jackets in navy, are available for purchase from the Locker Room.
- Girls may also wear navy cardigan sweaters.
- Non-uniform coats, jackets, and hoodies can be worn to and from school and at recess, but will not be allowed in the classroom.

Shoes, Socks, and Tights

- Shoes should be simple, supportive, and in black, navy, brown, grey, or white, or a combination of those colors. No other colors, accents, lights, loud patterns, or open-back shoes. Laces must be one of the above colors and be tied.
- Snow boots may be worn to school, but must be swapped out for class shoes upon arrival.
- Socks are required, must be matching and visible, and in black, navy, brown, grey, or white with no patterns.
- Girls may wear plain tights or leggings in black or navy under skirts or jumpers.

Hair, Makeup, and Jewelry

- Hair must be neat, clean, and out of the eyes. Boys' hair should not extend below the collar, ears, or eyebrows.
- Simple watches may be worn, but smartwatches and other electronics are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme or distracting; natural colors only. Protected hairstyles are honored per Illinois law.
- Makeup is not permitted, though subtle lip gloss and clear or light pink nail polish are allowed for girls.
- Girls may wear small post-style earrings. Jewelry should be minimal. Christian symbols may be worn visibly, other chains and necklaces are worn under the uniform shirt. Silicone or rubber cause bracelets must be in keeping with our mission and Catholic values.
- Girls may wear subtle bows, headbands, and other hair accessories in school colors.

P.E. Uniform

- Students in grades 5-8 will wear the Academy's P.E. shirt and shorts available from the Locker Room. This uniform should be washed regularly.
- All students must wear athletic, non-marking shoes for P.E.

School Spirit and Mission-Themed Dress Days

- On designated non-uniform days, students must follow specific instructions for that day's dress.
- Clothing must remain modest, covering shoulders, midriffs, and upper arms, with the same appropriate length and fit as the normal uniform.
- Leggings may only be worn under a skirt or dress.
- Sandals, crocs, flip-flops, or similar shoes are not permitted for safety reasons.
- All clothing must be appropriate in message and style, free of offensive or suggestive text or imagery.