

Uniform Shopping Tips - 2009-10

From Ascension PTO

This list of helpful hints is intended to help our kindergarten parents or other parents new to Ascension when shopping for school uniforms. The PTO wants to share our experience with you to lessen any confusion about what will be needed. For a complete list of uniform guidelines and the dress code, please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.

Educational Apparel has been our official uniform company, and they will be coming to Ascension on **Mon., Aug. 17, from 12pm – 6:00pm in the (Parish Activity Center)**. They will come again on **Weds., Oct. 14 from 2:30 to 6:00 in the Cafeteria**. They offer all uniform items, and the clothing (especially the pants and shorts) is well constructed. Items may be ordered by phone from **Educational Apparel by calling toll free 1-800-776-3034**. This is a convenient way to shop, but many of the items may be purchased elsewhere, if desired. It's important, however, that clothing purchased elsewhere meets our dress code.

AppleHeart in West Carrollton is also an approved local source for uniform apparel. It is located in the 2240 East Central Ave. in Miamisburg, off route 725 and Alex Road west of the Dayton Mall. Phone: 384-0430.

Uniform for Boys and Girls – Gr. K-8

*PTO recommendation or comments

- Pants:** Navy blue uniform style, straight leg dress pants purchased only from uniform companies (Educational Apparel or Appleheart) or the uniform section of a department store company (Penney's). No washed out, low cut, flared, styles, no designer styles i.e. Abercrombie, Bugle Boy, Dove, Old Navy, Limited Too, Gap etc.) No cords or cargo pants, No additional zippers, pockets, or loops on the legs.
***Buy at least 2 pair of pants - more is better.**
- Shorts:** Navy blue knee length walking shorts may be worn the 1st and 4th quarter.
*** Buy at least 2 pair.**
- Belts:** Brown, black or navy blue belts with uniform pants and shorts are required for grades 6-8, girls and boys. Belts must be showing. Belts should be plain without ornamentation (no studs, extra large holes or oversized belt buckles.) ***Younger students may not need them. Purchase anywhere.**
- Shirt:** Dress shirt – Oxford cloth or poly/cotton, short or long sleeve in white or light blue. Knit shirt – short or long sleeve polo style with collar in white, red or light blue. Shirts must be tucked in. *** Most wear knit polo shirts year-round. Buy at least three.**
- Undershirt:** Shirts worn under a blouse or shirt must be white and have no writing or pictures showing through. Sleeves must be shorter than outer shirt sleeves.
***The school is plenty warm year-round.**
- Sweater:** Cardigan or long sleeve pullover crew in solid red, white, navy blue or gray. No turtleneck sweaters.
*** Sweaters are not required.**
- Sweatshirt:** School Sweatshirt with letter "A" logo from the Educational Apparel. ***Not required, but the kids love them. Purchase from the uniform company. They run small, so get a larger size.**
- Shoes:** Gym shoes may be worn at any time, but must be worn for PE class. No open toed, open heeled or high-heeled shoes allowed (sandals, clogs and platforms). No black-soled shoes that leave marks are permitted on PE days. Shoes must be tied. ***Purchase anywhere**
- Socks:** Quarter, Crew, Tube, or knee high in red, white, navy, or gray. No logos may appear on the socks. Socks must be visible well above the top of the shoe. **No short, below the ankle or ped socks, no logos. * Purchase anywhere.**

Uniform Options for Girls:

Jumper/Skort: Plaid red/gray jumper – for Gr. K-5
Plaid red/gray skirt – for Gr. 6-8
Skirt and jumpers must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. *Some girls prefer to wear shorts underneath for comfort, modesty and freedom of movement. Skirts may not be “rolled”, shirts/blouses must be tucked in so that the top band of the skirt is showing.
***Not required. Purchase from uniform company. One is enough. Upper grade students need to watch the length to be in code. Upper grade girls do not rely on wearing only the skirts daily. Should have a at least one pair of pants.**

Skorts: Navy blue skort for Gr. K-8 purchased only through the uniform company.

Blouse: Broadcloth or Oxford cloth; short or long sleeve in white, light blue or yellow. ***Not required.**

Tights: Colored tights in red, white, navy or gray. No hosiery.
***Not required. Purchase anywhere.**

Gym Uniforms

Students are required to wear gym clothing with the Ascension logo for Physical Education classes. These items may be purchased from the uniform company at the uniform sale or ordered from them. You may choose red or gray. Only Ascension gym sweatshirts may be worn over the T-shirts on gym day. Pant waistband and ankle elastic may not be altered to change the look.
*** We recommend buying these items in a larger size than usual – The youth sizes run small.**

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| Gym T-shirt: | * Suggestion to buy at least one. |
| Gym shorts: | * Suggestion to buy one. |
| Gym crew sweatshirt: | * Suggestion to buy one. |
| Gym sweatpants: | * Suggestion to buy 2. (Knees may get holes) |

Used sweatpants must have elastic around the waist and ankle.

Ascension A+ logos appears on newer sweatpants, shirts and shorts.
***Any older style of Ascension gym uniforms (hand-me-downs) are permitted.**

Mass Apparel

Students are encouraged whenever possible on school liturgy days, but not required to wear skirts/jumpers/skorts or pants for girls and pants for boys. Shirts must be tucked in. Skirts must be appropriate length and not rolled up at the waist.

Extra-Curricular Uniforms Students who are in school sponsored extra-curricular clubs such as Mathcounts, Power of the Pen, JOOI, LEGO League or parish sponsored boy or girl scouts of any type are permitted to wear their club shirt or scout uniform on meeting days.

Out of Uniform Days Occasionally students may be permitted out of uniform. Rules regarding footwear and inappropriate clothing will be enforced. T-shirts and clean denim jeans are permitted. Shorts must be knee-length. No torn or ripped clothing, sleeveless shirts or pajamas are permitted.

PTO Uniform Swap The “Uniform Swap” tables are set up at PTO general meetings and on other advertised dates after school. We offer gently-worn uniform items free of charge to all PTO members. We only ask that you remember to bring your child’s own outgrown items to us when the time comes, if they’re in good shape.

Miscellaneous

Hats must be removed when entering the building. Bandanas as head coverings are not permitted. Only stud earrings are permitted. Only clear fingernail polish is permitted. No drawstrings on outerwear is permitted.

We hope this handout answers most of your questions. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for the complete Dress Code and Guidelines, or call the school office (254-5411).