



### 1) Purpose

- a) The purpose of the uniform policy is to teach students the importance of dressing for success; simply putting on a uniform helps students get into the right mindset, preparing them for the day. Uniforms are practical, increase school safety, improve student behaviors, reduce the potential of bullying, and create a less distracting classroom environment. They provide students with a sense of belonging, allowing students to recognize the value of working together towards a common goal rather than focusing on individual objectives.

### 2) Uniform Policy

- a) Students in grades K-7 are required to wear student uniforms. Parent cooperation is essential in helping the school enforce a dress code that reflects our community values, minimizes distractions, and teaches responsible appearance. **Modesty is our standard.** Fashion is unpredictable and constantly changing; therefore, the uniform policy may not fully address every new trend. In areas where the uniform policy is silent or unclear, faculty and staff will interpret and enforce the intended “spirit” of the policy with administrators’ oversight. The school reserves the right to clarify or to modify the uniform policy throughout the school year. Any changes will be shared promptly, and in writing. If you are concerned about whether an item may or may not fit into the uniform policy, please ask **prior** to wearing the item to school.

### 3) General Dress and Appearance Guidelines

- a) Students are required to be neatly and properly dressed at all times while on school campus or while attending school events.
- b) Clothing must be size-appropriate and may not be oversized or undersized in part or whole.
- c) ALL shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, vests, jumpers, and light outerwear must be monogrammed with the JDS logo. (Heavy outerwear worn to and from school are not required to have a logo-lightweight jackets and zipper hoodies **require** a logo)
- d) No hats, caps, or hoods are to be worn inside any building on campus.
- e) Hoods are not permitted to be worn over student’s heads except to protect from rain, wind, or cold weather.
- f) Athletic wear and warm-up suits are not permitted.
- g) Clothing that is frayed, torn, or slit is not permitted.
- h) Students are permitted to wear socks, and tights of their choice, fitting the modest standards of the school.
- i) Jewelry and accessories are acceptable as long as they are conservative and in keeping with the spirit of the dress code. Piercings (other than ear) and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- j) Pants and shorts must be worn at normal waist height (no low-rise or sagging pants permitted)
- k) Student hair styles are not to be distracting to others and must be what is considered socially responsible. (No Mohawks, writing or designs in hair, un-natural brightly colored hair, etc.)
- l) This dress code applies to all students on campus at any time during any school day (including students on campus but not attending a class, temporarily on campus running errands, departing for a trip, etc.)

- m) Students are to have good personal hygiene and use deodorant, antiperspirant, etc. Although circumstances may vary, use of these usually begins on or before the child's tenth birthday.
- n) **With the exception of HEAVY winter coats and raincoats, ALL upper wear must have a JDS logo embroidered on it.** Not having the school logo on upper-wear constitutes being out of uniform.
- o) **Each student must have at least one uniform shirt in the each of the following colors: Light Blue, White and Red. These shirts are worn on field trips, for pictures and other special events.**

#### 4) Options for Boys

- a) **Polo shirts, turtle necks & button down shirts:** short & long sleeved- white, light pink, red, navy, pale yellow, light blue or JDS plaid; **must be logoed**
- b) **Long Pants:** no cargo pockets navy, grey or khaki, cotton blend or small bead corduroy
- c) **Shorts:** can have cargo pockets navy, grey, or khaki.
- d) **Sweaters and vests:** heather grey, navy, or white; must be logoed
- e) **Zippered hooded sweatshirt:** (not PE uniform/Spirit Wear)- heather gray, cherry red, navy; **must be logoed**
- f) **Lightweight outerwear:** other than heavy winter coat- heather gray, cherry red, navy, and white; **must be logoed**
- g) **Heavyweight outerwear:** may be worn to and from school and outside, but not in class unless logoed. Must be solid color.
- h) **Shoes:** must be closed toed with a heel strap and be in a good condition. (No Crocs, clogs, slides, bedroom slippers, or flip-flops)

*\*See below for information on where to purchase logoed uniforms*

#### 5) Options for Girls

- a) **Polo shirts, polo dresses, turtle necks and blouses:** short & long sleeved- white, light pink, red, navy, pale yellow or light blue; **must be logoed**
- b) **Pants:** flat front or pleated navy, grey or khaki
- c) **Shorts, capris, skirts** (finger-tip length) navy, grey, khaki, or JDS plaid.
- d) **Jumpers:** navy, grey, khaki or MID plaid; logo must be in the center chest.
- e) **Sweaters and vests:** heather grey, navy, white and light pink; **must be logoed.**
- f) **Zippered hooded sweatshirt:** (not PE uniform/Spirit Wear)- heather gray, cherry red, navy, light pink; **must be logoed.**
- g) **Lightweight outerwear:** other than heavy winter coat- heather gray, cherry red, navy, white, light pink; **must be logoed.**
- h) **Heavyweight outerwear:** Solid color-may be worn to and from school and outside, but not in class unless logoed
- i) **Shoes:** must be closed toed with a heel strap and be in a good condition. (No crocs, clogs, slides, bedroom slippers, or flip-flops)

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#### 6) **Physical Education** (On your students PE day-different days for different grades)

- a) Students in K-7<sup>th</sup> grade do not change for their PE special.
- b) Must wear athletic footwear.
  - i) Students who cannot participate in PE due to improper footwear will receive a tardy/absence for that class that day. Please send your student in athletic footwear on PE days.

7) **Spirit Wear** (Every Friday)

- a) Students may wear a spirit wear shirt/sweatshirt with **blue indigo** denim pants or shorts. If a student decides not to wear a spirit shirt they must be in their regular uniform.
- b) The school's name and or logo must be clearly printed on the spirit shirt/sweatshirt.
- c) Class projects that involve making a t-shirt or homemade shirts with the school's name on them are not permitted as spirit wear.
- d) Spirit wear can be ordered through the school.

*\*See below for information on where to purchase Spirit Wear.*

8) **Free Dress Fridays (K-7th)** Families can purchase a Free Dress Friday Pass for their student. With a pass, every second and fourth Friday, students are permitted to wear free dress, but must still meet modesty guidelines outlined below.

9) **Where to Purchase Logoed Uniforms**

a) **Lands End (JDS preferred school number: 900132044)**

- i) Go to [landsend.com/school](https://landsend.com/school) and click on "find your school's dress code" (in the "Helpful Hints for Parents" section on the left side of the page).
- ii) Under the "School Name" tab, scroll to choose your State and City.
- iii) Next, enter "Mountain Island Day School" to view the current dress code.
- iv) Choose to "shop using this preferred school number".
- v) When shopping, any item that you choose that is within our dress code will give you a box to choose to add our logo. In order to meet our dress code all upper wear must have the JDS logo.

*\*Any item you buy from French Toast, while shopping with our number, will donate money to the school no matter what that item is. So if you are shopping for home or for friends keep us in mind and use our school number.*

b) **French Toast (JDS source code: QS5 TQV)**

- i) Go to [frenchtoast.com](https://frenchtoast.com) and enter our "school source code" in the field in the upper right hand corner of the page. Then click "go" and you will be able to choose from the JDSUniform catalogue.

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c) **Awards Express-10320 Rozzelles Ferry Road Charlotte NC 28214**

- i) Purchase the clothing you need that fits our policy anywhere and drop them off at Awards Express to be embroidered.
- ii) Any clothing dropped off to Awards Express must meet the uniform guidelines so please make sure clothes you ask them to logo are within guidelines *i.e. approved colors, collars on shirts, approved JDS plaid, etc.*
- iii) Jumper logos are to be placed in the front center area of the jumper.
- iv) Shirt embroideries are to be placed on the left chest area of shirts.

- v) Awards Express has two order times each month:
  - (1) Clothes may be ordered or dropped off by the first Wednesday of each month to be picked up on the following Wednesday.
  - (2) Clothes may be ordered or dropped off by the third Wednesday of each month to be picked up on the following Wednesday.

d) **Spiritwear**

- i) JDS will offer pre orders of spirit items, PE uniforms, etc. four times each year. Please watch for JDS spirit wear special offers to get in August, October, December, and February of each year.

10) **Out of Uniform Actions**

- a) Parents' cooperation is essential in helping the school enforce a dress code that reflects our community values, minimizes distractions, and teaches responsible appearance. All parents agree to uphold JDS's uniform policy when enrolling in JDS. If a student comes to school out of uniform in any way they will receive:
  - i) A written uniform infraction form for the first two occasions, giving parents the opportunity to correct the problem.
  - ii) On the third occasion and all occasions thereafter, in that school year when a student arrives at school out of uniform they will remain at the front desk until the parent can return to school to correct the uniform or take the student home to change. Students must be picked up within 1 hour. **Dress Code Policy**
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11) **Required Uniform Clothing K - 12** (Students must have at least one)

- a) Students are to wear school logoed uniforms or approved field trip spirit wear on field trips, off campus activities and some special event. Students may be required to wear school logoed uniforms on other days as well.
- b) **Students must have at least one of each color light blue, white, and red logoed uniform shirt throughout the year for special events, field trips, and school activities.**