

**The Covenant School**  
**UPPER SCHOOL Uniform & Dress Guidelines**  
**2012-2013**

All clothing must be purchased from the approved options available at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) (Go to school uniforms and choose Covenant Upper School, code 900148685) or the Land's End shop at Sears. Items purchased at the Lands End kiosk inside Sears are shipped free of charge. All items may be returned at Sears. Items such as footwear, belts, ties, and accessories may be purchased from any vendor, provided they meet general dress guidelines.

**Upper School Uniform Guidelines**

**Boys**

**Shirts:**

Students wear one of the following:

- polo (short or long sleeve), or
- dress shirt (short or long sleeve), or
- rugby shirt

*If a student is wearing a t-shirt underneath one of the above, it must be a plain white or gray t-shirt and must not extend below the outer garment's hem or sleeve. Ties are optional, except for days requiring chapel dress code.*

**Pants/Shorts:**

Students wear one of the following:

- chino pants, or
- chino shorts

*Belts MUST be worn at all times.*

**Sweaters/fleeces/jackets (Optional)**

Students may wear the following in addition to one of the required shirts:

- crew, v-neck, or cardigan sweater, or
- sweater or fleece vest, or
- fleece jacket, or
- blazer

*All sweaters/fleeces/jackets worn inside the building during the school day must be a Covenant item or from Land's End.*

**Footwear**

Student's footwear must meet the following criteria:

- any form of tennis, casual leather, or dress shoes, or
- boots, or
- sandals with a strap behind the ankle

*Students are free to wear any socks, provided they are in good repair.*

**Chapel Dress Code**

Students must wear:

- dress shirt (short or long sleeve), and
- appropriate necktie or bowtie of student's choosing, and
- chino pants, and
- dress or casual leather shoes (e.g. topsiders, loafers) or boots

**Girls**

**Tops:**

Students wear one of the following:

- polo (short or long sleeve), or
- dress-shirt (short or long sleeve), or
- rugby shirt (only available in men's sizes)

**Bottoms:**

Students wear one of the following:

- chino pants, or
- chino or knit shorts or skorts, or
- chino or knit skirts or kilts

**Sweaters/fleeces/jackets (Optional)**

Students may wear the following in addition to one of the required tops:

- crew, v-neck, or cardigan sweater, or
- sweater or fleece vest, or
- fleece jacket, or
- blazer

*All sweaters/fleeces./jackets worn inside the building during the school day must be a Covenant items or from Land's End.*

**Footwear**

Student's footwear must meet the following criteria:

- any form of tennis, casual leather, or dress shoes, or
- boots, or
- sandals with a strap behind the ankle

*Students are free to wear any socks, provided they are in good repair.*

**Accessories**

Students may wear the following in addition to the uniform requirements:

- headbands, belts, jewelry, and scarves

**Chapel Dress Code**

Students must wear:

- polo or dress shirt (short/long sleeve), and
- chino or knit pants, skirt, or kilt, and
- any form casual leather or dress shoes, or
- boots, or
- sandals with a strap behind the ankle

## Upper School Dress Guidelines

The following guidelines outline the expectations that govern student dress and appearance. **No aspect of a student's dress or appearance should serve as a distraction to the school environment.** The School expects that the students and parents will make every effort to comply with the following guidelines – which apply equally to all students:

- All clothing items must be in good repair and be appropriate in “fit.” Items that are torn, frayed, written upon, or threadbare may not be worn to school.
- Items may not be worn, sized, or altered to enhance or draw undue attention to one's physique.
- All shirts and tops, whether uniform items or items worn on relaxed dress days or Spirit Week-themed days, must completely cover the individual's midriff, cleavage, shoulders (including the top of the arms), and all undergarments. Girls must have their tops appropriately buttoned, with no more than the two top buttons unfastened.
- All boys wearing a polo or dress shirt must have their shirt tucked at all times during the school day.
- All pants, shorts, and skirts must completely cover the individual's undergarments, which should not be visible at any time while meeting the normal physical requirements (e.g. sitting in a desk) of a school day.
- All shorts, skirts, skorts, and kilts must be no more than 4” above the knee at all times during the school day, regardless of whether or not the student is wearing tights.
- Students may wear any coat, sweater, or sweatshirt outside of the school building (e.g. during lunch or fire drills).
- The covering of one's head with hoods, all variations of kerchiefs, sunglasses, or hats is not permitted inside the school building.
- Hairstyles must not serve as a distraction to the learning environment or draw undue attention.
- Body art (including tattoos) must not be visible at any time during the academic day.
- Jewelry pierced in body areas other than the ears is not permitted.

When in doubt about whether certain clothing fulfills the requirements, please see the Upper School Director to preview the clothing before the school begins.

Dress code violations result in a demerit; in addition, the student may be required to “correct” his/her dress to be in compliance for the rest of the school day. This may result in a student being sent home or a parent being called to bring an appropriate outfit. The administration of the School reserves the right to make subjective judgments about a student's attire regarding compliance or any condition that may not be covered by the guidelines above.

For the 2012-2013 school year; students who already have khaki or navy pants or shorts, or white or blue dress shirts may bring them to school administration for approval to use as uniform wear. **Garment must be similar in fabric, color, and style to our new uniform guidelines.**