

## Student Life

### Dress Code

True North has a primary objective of developing a community of learners, dedicated to the highest standards of academics and deportment. As such, a distinctive uniform is a unifying factor within our school community. It is also a visible signature of our school to the larger community, an indicator of our unity and of our pride of purpose. This is one of the most important functions of a uniform: it identifies its wearer as part of a distinctive group with a distinctive purpose. It is a reminder to its wearer of that purpose and of one's responsibility to that group.

The uniform is the basis of a dress code that reflects the nobility and seriousness of our mission. A strong correlation exists between student appearance and the perception of excellence. Our students should dress their best, look their best, and do their best. All clothing must be clean, neat, reasonably pressed, and in properly fitting condition. If a child is deemed to be wearing inappropriate attire, the parent will be notified and a change of clothing may be required for attendance that day. If in doubt about the appropriateness of an article of clothing, check with the school office before purchasing. Good judgment exercised at home will be a learning activity for the child that will help to avoid embarrassment or wasted time at school. Questions about the appropriateness of apparel may be referred to the Headmaster, whose judgment will be final.

Our desire is not to squash students' individuality, but to secure their commitment to scholarship and character development, goals which can potentially be obscured by a focus on the latest trends or fads. We ask not only for student commitment to this concept, but for the parents' as well. The uniform and dress code of True North support and reinforce our academic goals. The uniform assists us in staying focused on the true individuality offered by healthy dialogue and the development of the life of the mind for each student.

**Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus (including the parking lot) during a school day.** This means arriving on campus fully in uniform and leaving campus fully in uniform (correct shoes, shirts tucked in, etc.). If a student is found out of compliance with the uniform policy, he/she will receive a uniform violation notice. Please note for every three (3) times a student is found out of compliance with the uniform policy, he/she will receive a detention.

**Uniforms must be purchased exclusively from AA** by either purchasing online at [www.aauniform.com](http://www.aauniform.com) or by visiting the Kendall store located at 8807 SW 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33175. Phone: 305-254-0000

## Boys' Uniform

### (K-5)

- Navy blue pants or shorts
- Yellow or gray polo shirt with logo
- Navy blue fleece jacket with logo or True North sweatshirt (for cooler weather)
- Black belt – must be purchased at AA
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

### Any Type

- **Solid black** athletic sneaker (no canvas; e.g., no Converse);

Examples (can be found at Famous Footwear or purchased at AA)



## Girls' Uniform

### (K-5)

- Navy blue pants or skort (top of the knee)
- Yellow or gray polo shirt with logo
- Navy blue fleece jacket with logo or True North sweatshirt (for cooler weather)
- Black belt (with pants) - must be purchased at AA
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

### Any Type

- **Solid white** athletic sneaker (no canvas, e.g., Converse);

Examples (can be found at Famous Footwear or purchased at AA)



**Phy. Ed. Uniform (to be purchased at AA)**

**(K-5)**

- True North PE uniform
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks
- Navy blue fleece jacket with logo or True North sweatshirt (for cooler weather)

**Any Type**

- Athletic shoes (any type)

**Upper School Uniforms (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Boys Uniform (everything must be purchased at AA, except shoes)**

- Khaki pants with AA logo
- Oxford white short-sleeve shirt with embroidery
- True North Tie
- Black belt
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

**Boys Shoes – may be purchased at AA or any retail store**

Black dress with shoelaces or slip-on



**Girls Uniform (everything must be purchased at AA, except shoes)**

- Khaki skirt or pants with AA logo
- Oxford white short-sleeve shirt
- Navy vest with embroidery
- Black belt (with pants only)
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

**Girl Shoes - may be purchased at AA or any retail store**

Black Penny Loafer



**Phy. Ed. Uniform (must be purchased at AA)**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

- True North PE uniform
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks
- Navy blue fleece jacket with logo or True North sweatshirt (for cooler weather)

**Any Type**

- Athletic shoes (any type)

## **High School Uniforms**

### **Boys Uniform (everything must be purchased at AA)**

- Khaki pants with AA logo
- Oxford light blue short-sleeve shirt with embroidery
- True North Tie
- Black belt
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

### **Boys Shoes – may be purchased at AA or any retail store**

Black dress with shoelaces



### **Casual Friday**

- Performance Polo Short Sleeve – Purple with School Logo
- Performance Polo Short Sleeve – Navy Blue with School Logo
- Rugby L/S Navy/White Stripe with School Logo

### **Girls Uniform (everything must be purchased at AA)**

- Khaki skort or pants with AA logo
- Oxford light blue short-sleeve shirt
- Navy vest with embroidery
- TN striped belt (with pants only)
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

### **Girl Shoes - may be purchased at AA or any retail store**

Black Penny Loafer



### **Casual Friday**

- Performance Polo Short-Sleeve – Purple with School Logo
- Performance Polo Short-Sleeve – Navy Blue with School Logo
- Rugby L/S Navy/White Stripe with School Logo

### **Phy. Ed. Uniform (for elective class only) To be purchased at school**

- True North High School PE uniform
- True North crew socks or plain white ankle crew socks

### **Any Type**

- Athletic shoes (any type)

### **Additional Dress and Uniform Expectations**

**Shirts:** traditional dress (polos) uniform must be tucked in at all times (PE shirts are an exception). Shirts must also be buttoned to one below top.

**Belts:** black belts (with shorts or pants) must be worn at all times.

**Socks:** True North crew socks – to be purchased at AA (optional) or plain white ankle crew socks.

**Hair:** hair must be clean, neat, and out of the eyes. Only natural colors are allowed. Hair styling or coloring arrangements which are disruptive or distracting are not permissible.

- **For Girls:** only hair bows purchased at AA are permitted.
- **For Boys:** no hair accessories. Hair must be worn neatly combed above the collar, eyebrows, and ears. No lines, mohawks, coloring, etc. ***Hair length is not to pass the eyebrows regardless of style. No facial hair for boys.***

**Jewelry:** Any jewelry which might create a safety hazard or distraction should not be worn.

Body/facial piercings are not permitted. Necklaces and bracelets should be discrete and simple, not wider than ½ inch and no bright colors. **No chokers.** Limited bracelets permitted. Watches are permitted if they only function as a watch, are discrete, and simple in design. No smart watches (Apple, Fitbit, etc.).

**For Girls:** students are allowed to wear one pair of small earrings, with no more than one earring in each ear and no larger than ½" in diameter. Dangling or hoop earrings are safety hazards and are not permitted.

**For Boys:** no earrings are permitted.

***Cosmetics:*** **For Girls:** in kindergarten through 5th grades are prohibited from wearing any nail polish, make-up or hair dye. Girls in 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade may wear light make up and nail polish (no bright colors). **For Boys:** none permitted.

***Other:*** no tattoos, temporary or permanent will be permitted.

## **Backpacks**

Backpacks, book bags and totes are not considered technically to be a part of the school uniform. However, they are expected to be clean, in good condition and appropriate for a school environment. For safety and space reasons, **wheeled backpacks are not permitted.** Any item which attracts undue or negative attention or which infringes on the rights or values of others will not be allowed.