

## 2018-19 Uniform Guidelines

**ALL uniforms are to be purchased from Lands' End.**

**Ties must be purchased from The Novus Academy.**

Lands' End will put the Novus Logo on item(s) that require a logo when ordered. **All shirts, sweaters, jackets, etc. must have the Novus Logo.** During the 2018-2019 school year, students may continue to wear items that have the former Novus Uniform Logo if they still have them, they fit well, and are in good repair.

**Hint: Sign up to receive Land's End notifications of sales. They often have great sales throughout the year.**

- Formal Dress day is every Monday, every Awards Ceremony, and when required for field trips and special occasions.
- There will be days that students are required to wear the purple polo. ALL students must have at least one of these.
- Athletic shoes must be worn during any PE class so a change of shoes may be needed. Many students keep a pair in their lockers. Students also participate in daily fitness activities that may best occur wearing comfortable shoes that permit walking, running, and movement.
- Only Novus sweaters, sweater vests, blazers, or *Lands' End uniform fleece jackets which may only be worn by high school students* are allowed indoors. All of these items must have the Novus Academy Logo embroidered on them. No other outerwear is permitted to be worn indoors.
- Long hair must be pulled back and secured for PE class and any other activity that might be dangerous with unsecured long hair (i.e. a field trip or science or activity).

### MALE Students:

- Black slacks or shorts. A black leather belt is required with a non-distracting buckle. **Black slacks and belts must be worn on Formal Dress days.** Exception: young students with the inability to independently use a belt may be excused from the belt requirement while they are being taught independence.
- Long or short sleeved white oxford button-up shirt with the Novus Logo. Must be tucked in. **Long sleeves must be worn on Formal Dress days – short sleeved can be worn when the average outside temperature is equal to or exceeds 80 degrees.**
- Purple polo shirt with Novus Logo is required.
- White polo shirt with Novus Logo is optional.
- **Tie is required for students on Formal Dress days.** **Ties must be purchased from The Novus Academy.** Male students can choose to wear bow ties or traditional ties. The selection includes *options for our younger students* (smaller sized bow tie, clip on traditional style, or traditional style in a shorter length to be tied) and options for older students, larger bow tie (pre-tied), longer traditional tie, and a self-tie bow tie option.
- Black or purple sweater with the Novus Logo (vest, cardigan, or V-neck pullover) or black blazer with the Novus Logo. **Sweater with long sleeves or blazer must be worn on Formal Dress days. Exception: Sleeveless sweater vest can be worn when the average outside temperature is equal to or exceeds 80 degrees.**
- **Comfortable black dress shoes (non-athletic)** with closed toes and closed back. **Must be worn on Formal Dress days.**

- Regular dress day shoes can be any combination of purple, silver, white, or black and must have closed toes and backs. Athletic shoes are allowed as long as they are in the approved colors.
- Grades K-8: black or white socks. High school students can choose the color/design of their socks as long as they don't display inappropriate images or content.

The exceptions to the above: Grades 9-12 are allowed to add gray pants, shorts or sweaters or a black polo. **Gray sweaters may be worn on Formal Dress days but not gray bottoms.**

***Shorts may not be higher than 2" above the knee.***

### **FEMALE Students:**

- Plaid or black skirts or skorts. **Plaid must be worn on Formal Dress days.**
- Black slacks (no leggings or yoga pants), black shorts. A black leather belt is to be worn if there are belt loops with non-distracting buckle.
- White blouse with the Novus Logo that is worn untucked (if designed to be worn untucked). **Must be worn on Formal Dress days.** Can be worn with regular dress days also.
- Black or purple sweater with the Novus Logo (vest, cardigan, or v-neck pullover) or black blazer. High school females may wear the fleece jacket with Novus Logo on regular dress days. **Long-sleeved sweater or blazer must be worn on Formal Dress days. Exception: Sleeveless sweater vest can be worn when the average outside temperature is equal to or exceeds 80 degrees)**
- Purple polo shirt with Novus Logo (required).
- White polo shirt with Novus Logo (optional).
- Purple polo dress with Novus Logo (optional).
- **Tie is required for students on Formal Dress days. Ties must be purchased from The Novus Academy.** Female students will wear a "floppy bow tie". It is pre-tied and has an adjustable neck strap to make it easy to wear.
- **Black dress shoes (non-athletic) with closed toes and closed back. Must be worn on Formal Dress days.** Black and white saddle oxfords may NOT be worn for Formal Dress. They can be worn on regular dress days but must be black, not navy blue.
- Regular dress day shoes can be any combination of purple, silver, white, or black and must have closed toes and backs. Athletic shoes are allowed as long as they are in the approved colors.
- White or black socks or leggings. (Leggings only allowed under skirts and not allowed on formal dress days). **Grades K-6 White knee socks must be worn on formal dress days.** Middle school students may choose to wear knee high or ankle high white socks on Formal and regular dress days. High school students can choose to wear white socks or no show socks on Formal Dress days. On regular dress days, high school female students may wear socks with colors or designs as long as they don't display inappropriate images or content.

The exceptions to the above: Grades 9-12 are allowed to add gray skirts, pants, shorts or sweaters or a black polo. They are also allowed to wear no show socks. **Gray sweaters may be worn on Formal Dress days but not gray bottoms. No show socks are allowed on Formal Dress days for grades 9-12.**

***Shorts, skorts, dresses, jumpers and skirts may not be higher than 2" above the knee.***

### **Free Dress Guidelines:**

- “Free dress” will be allowed on certain, designated days. Clothing must be clean, modest, and appropriate for school wear. These guidelines apply also to attire for after school classes, sports, and other school events.
- Shorts or skirts/dresses must be no higher than 2” above the knee.
- ALL shoes must have backs - No sandals, high/stacked heels, shoes without back straps, etc.
- No frayed or torn clothing.
- No low cut dresses or tops. To determine whether a shirt is appropriate to wear to school: put the shirt on and if your undergarments (bra/undershirt/camisole, etc.) are visible – it is inappropriate to wear to school.
- No strapless, halter, tank, spaghetti straps, or tube tops.
- No bare midriff style tops. To determine whether a shirt is appropriate to wear to school: put the shirt on and raise both hands straight up above your head. If any skin is visible between the top of your skirt, shorts, pants and the bottom of the shirt, it is inappropriate to wear to school.
- No oversized shorts/pants worn low on hips.
- No hats – unless it is a designated day to wear them or permission has been obtained by school staff.
- No excessive and or large jewelry/make-up, gauges in ears, piercings (other than ears), tattoos (must not be offensive, contain inappropriate words or messages).
- No t-shirts with inappropriate language and/or pictures. To determine whether a shirt is appropriate to wear to school: if your parent/guardian says it’s inappropriate – it is. If your intent is to display or promote messaging or images that are not in line with the ethics, values, and morals expected of all Novus students – it’s inappropriate, and/or if you arrive at school and a staff member tells you it’s inappropriate – it is.
- No sweats, or yoga pants.
- All clothing must be neat, clean and not torn.

### **Consequences for Non-Compliance for both Uniform and Free Dress:**

1. Parents will be called so that a change of clothes may be brought to school. If your parent is unable to bring a change of clothes, the following will occur:
  - a. You may be provided with items of uniform clothing to wear (if any are available). You will be required to return the clothing to school – laundered and unwrinkled. If the clothing is not returned in good condition (or not returned at all), your account will be invoiced the replacement cost of the item in new condition.
  - b. Whether or not suitable clothing is available (your parent brings it or we provide it), you will attend classes and will wear Formal Dress the next regular dress school day.
  - c. A persistent/repeated pattern of this behavior may result in additional consequences.
2. Each situation will be addressed on an individual basis.