



# The Maples Academy Uniform Policy

By choosing to attend ***The Maples Academy***, students and their parents have made a commitment to private education. The uniform is part of that commitment. It is a reflection of who we are and how we see ourselves and how others see our school. As a student of ***The Maples Academy***, you are an ambassador of all that the school symbolizes. Because of this, the uniform should be worn proudly and in good repair. Though we recognize our individuality, the uniform at ***The Maples Academy*** is what unites us as one community. There are variations within the prescribed uniform, which allow for a touch of personal style. Like everything else in a larger society, there are rules and regulations pertaining to the uniform; since you agree to the wearing of a uniform by coming to our school, we ask that you respect, understand and comply with the following information.

School uniform items, as outlined in the school's policy, must be purchased from the approved supplier.

For further information please email  
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## The Maples Academy Uniform Policy and Expectations

### **JK- Grade 4**

#### **Regular Uniform**

Crested White Oxford (button down shirt)

Crested Polo Shirt (students may only wear polo shirts from September – October 13<sup>th</sup>, and from April - June as replacement for the oxfords)

Grey Pants

Crested Tunic for girls (girls may wear pants or tunic)

Black Belt (or no belt, but no coloured belts)

Navy Socks or Navy Tights

Grey Shorts (optional from September – October 13<sup>th</sup>, and from April -June)

Crested Sweater (long sleeve or vest)

Black Dress Shoes (indoor, left at school)

\*Mock turtle necks are no longer part of the uniform and will not be permitted.\*

#### **Physical Education Uniform**

Crested T-shirt

Crested Sweatshirt

Crested Gym Pants or Shorts

White Socks

Non-Outdoor Gym Shoes

### **Grade 5 - 8**

#### **Regular Uniform**

Crested Blazer

Crested White Oxford (button-down shirt)

Crested Polo Shirt (students may only wear polo shirts from September – October 13<sup>th</sup>, and from April - June in replacement for the oxfords)

Grey Pants (no jeans, no skinny pants)

Grey Shorts (optional from September – October 13<sup>th</sup>, and from April - June in replacement for the pants)

Grey Skirt for girls (girls may wear pants or skirt)

Black belt (or no belt, but no coloured belts)

Navy socks or Navy Tights

Crested Sweater (long sleeve or vest)

Black Dress Shoes (indoor, left at school)

Academic Tie

House Tie (please see attached email for your child's house – house ties are worn every Friday)

Crested 3in1 Jacket (Required for Grade 4 -8)



### **Physical Education Uniform**

Crested T-shirt

Crested Sweatshirt

Crested Gym Pants or Shorts

White Socks

Non-Outdoor Gym Shoes

### **Dress Shoes**

Dress shoes must be solid black, leather or leather-like and with no other colour visible on the shoe. Students are not to wear boots, sandals, running shoes, hiking boots or athletic shoes of any kind. The shoe must be a closed shoe (heel and toe) and be below the ankle. No clogs, open back or open toe shoes of any kind are permitted. If you are uncertain whether the style of your child's shoe meets these expectations, you are encouraged to bring the shoe in to show an administrator before wearing the shoes in school. Students are always free to wear whatever footwear they and their parents consider is appropriate when travelling to school in the morning or back home at the end of the day. However, at all times during school, while they are in classes, or anywhere in the building, students are expected to adhere to the black dress shoes only policy.

### **Guidelines**

1. **Students are to be in full uniform every day upon arrival at school until they leave the property. While in the school building, there will be no changing into other attire during school lunch hour except into a gym uniform.**
2. Coats and/or jackets are not to be worn in the class or lunch room; they are not to be worn in hallways or in the foyer unless students are entering or leaving the building.
3. Only plain white T-shirts may be worn under shirts/blouses (no writing, pictures, logos).
4. Baseball caps, hats, bandannas, head wraps (or other inappropriate headwear) are not permitted during school hours. If students choose to wear these items to and from school, they are to keep them in their lockers or personal knapsacks. **There are to be no hats worn in the building.**



5. Shirts, and polo shirts, worn with kilts/dress slacks must be completely *tucked in and buttoned at all times* – in classrooms and in all areas of the school including the foyer, hallways and lunch room.
  
6. The uniform is to be kept in good repair (no, rips, no cut-off sleeves, no unhemmed pants, etc.). Students/parents are advised to use Casual Days, statutory holidays and weekends to have the uniform cleaned, repaired and/or laundered.

### **Casual Days**

On these days, students have two choices: dress in casual clothing or wear the school uniform. As these days are requested on behalf of the students, the expectations of appropriate attire that govern all of us are still in place. Articles of clothing which do not comply with the principles outlined in the Code of Student Behaviour as defined by The Maples Academy and the moral standards of our schools are unacceptable at all times. These would include slogans or items that The Maples would deem rude or offensive and which do not respect the rights of self or others. Clothing worn on a Casual Day, therefore, should be modest and appropriate to a school/classroom environment. Students who disregard these expectations will be given attire to wear and they jeopardize the future of such Casual Days.

Students who wish to participate on a Casual Day must pay a \$2 toll payment that can be made to the school either in one lump sum of \$20 or \$2 per day to allow a student to participate in Casual Days. These funds will be donated to a local charity.

### **School Trips**

While on field trips, students are ambassadors of our school and must conduct themselves accordingly; thus, the school uniform is mandatory. Sometimes, however, alternative dress is appropriate. The teacher in charge, with permission from administration, will inform students if anything other than school uniform is proper for a specific activity.



### **Uniform Violations (see Uniform Policy/Expectations)**

- A dress pass may be issued by the Head of School or Principal, if the student has appropriate documentation for being out of uniform (phone call/note from Parent or from Doctor).
- The note/call should be attended to before the school day begins by calling the school or by the student meeting with the Head of School or Principal prior to the beginning of classes.
- Medical notes will be requested.
- All classroom teachers will document students who are out of uniform and send it to the main desk.
- Students out of uniform will be given attire to wear at the parent's expense.
- If uniform violations persist, a phone call to parents will take place, and then a suspension will be issued.

### **Physical Education Uniform Requirements**

The physical education uniform at The Maples is **mandatory** and must be worn in all physical education classes. Students from JK- Grade 2 are exempt from wearing their physical education uniform on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, but are required to wear their full uniform.

### **Other Concerns**

1. All shorts/track pants must be worn above the waist.
2. Shirts, shorts, pants are not to be altered – i.e. no artwork, cut off sleeves, rolled up etc.
3. Shoes must be tied up when participating in athletics.
4. During physical education classes students perspire. Students may therefore choose to purchase two T-Shirts.
5. On casual days, students may wear appropriate alternate athletic wear.

### **P.E. Uniform Violations**

1. If a student has appropriate documentation (parent/doctor's note) for being out of uniform, they will be allowed to participate with the replacement physical education clothes for the day.
2. Any student who is not in the appropriate physical education uniform will not be permitted to participate, and/or be given gym wear that will need to be washed and returned.