



Dress Code FAQ

When does the dress code apply?

This policy applies on all school days, Monday through Friday.

What can my child wear to school daily to be in compliance with the dress code?

Amended for the 2026-2027 school year, students must wear any black, white, or gray U-High branded top, including shirts and outerwear, with approved bottoms in black, khaki, or ULS plaid. Athletic-style shoes are required daily of all students (K-12). Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, all students will be required to wear uniforms with the new University Laboratory School logo only sold from the Cub Shop under the Uniform section.

Where can I purchase required apparel?

All branded items may be purchased from the Cub Shop. University Laboratory School plaid items are often available at the ULS Used Uniform Sale as well as from Inka's and School Time Uniforms. Solid black or khaki bottoms may be purchased from a variety of vendors, provided they meet the requirements outlined in the Dress Code Policy.

What are students allowed to wear on Fridays?

Fridays are considered spirit days. Students may wear any U-High branded attire (tops, bottoms, or outerwear) from any previous merchandise sale that promotes the University Laboratory School. This includes sports-specific attire, clubs, sparkles, plays, and other logo collections from previous years.

Who determines whether something violates the dress code?

School administration retains final discretion regarding interpretation and enforcement of all matters of dress. Administration may clarify or modify the policy as needed. Any updates will be communicated to families in a timely manner.

Can we still purchase U patches to iron or sew on items?

No. U Patches will no longer be sold.

Can girls wear solid polo-style dresses?

No. Solid-color polo-style dresses are no longer permitted beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Are leggings or tights allowed Monday-Thursday?

Yes. Solid black leggings or leggings purchased in the Cub Shop are permitted daily under approved bottoms.

Are athletic-style bottoms approved?

Students may wear solid black or khaki pants, joggers, shorts, or skorts, or approved ULS plaid skirts, shorts, skorts, or jumpers. Gym shorts, basketball shorts, running shorts, compression shorts, and other athletic shorts intended for sports or workouts are not permitted, except as part of the approved PE uniform.

Can students wear solid black sweatpants to school daily?

No. To encourage uniformity and neatness, the only sweatpants that are permitted are those purchased from the Cub Shop. For the 2026-2027 school year, students will be allowed to wear any solid black U-High branded sweatpants.

Are field trip shirts required for elementary students?

Yes, field trip shirts are required. Beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, one shirt will be provided for each incoming kindergartner and new elementary student as part of the Student Activity Fee. Existing families are not required to purchase a shirt featuring the new design. However, additional shirts may be purchased through the Cub Shop.

May students wear Queen of Sparkles or Bomb Designs apparel?

Yes. These specialty items are permitted for wear on Fridays (Spirit Days) only.

What type of shoes are permitted for students (K-12)?

All students must wear athletic-style shoes daily. Lace-up, Velcro, or slip-on sneakers are acceptable. Administration will reach out if the shoes a student has worn to school are unacceptable.

Do elementary students get to wear free dress on class picture day?

No. Elementary students must wear a black polo for class photos.

May ULS student-athletes wear traditional game-day attire to school on game days?

Yes. Athletic teams with long-standing, administration-approved game-day traditions may continue those practices (e.g., jeans and boots for U-High football players; cheerleading uniforms on game days). This is allowed on game days only.

Other student groups, clubs, or organizations wishing to dress outside of the standard policy for a specific event must request approval through their faculty sponsor and administration. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What if a student has a religious or medical reason that affects their ability to adhere to the dress code policy?

Families with religious or documented medical reasons that impact dress code adherence should contact ULS Administration. Appropriate accommodations and alternative dress options will be provided in accordance with applicable guidelines.