

Le Monde French Immersion Public Charter School

Uniform Policy

Purpose of Policy

Le Monde French Immersion Public Charter School's uniform policy is an important element of our insistence on a healthy learning environment for our children. The benefits of uniforms are well-established. Uniforms take the competition and complication out of dress; keep the focus in school on learning and self-development, rather than superficial appearance; allow every child at the school to fit in and have a sense of belonging; relieve peer pressure and social anxiety; and enhance self-respect and self-esteem.

Uniform

All children are required to be in uniform every school day, except on special occasions when a specific waiver is granted by the Executive Director and relayed to the parents by the teachers. Uniform items from the list below may be combined in various ways in keeping with your personal preferences, but **only items listed below are permitted**.

All children **must** wear shoes (as described below), underwear, and:

1. **Navy Polo Dress.** A navy, one-colored, polo-style dress with a collar and sleeve of any length.

OR

2. **A Top and Bottom (Pant or Skirt) Combination.** A white, light blue or navy blue button up shirt, button up blouse, or polo shirt (of jersey knit or pique cotton), with a sleeve of any length, collared and one color only, and either:
 - a. (i) a pair of pants, in navy or gray, **or**
 - b. (ii) a skirt or skort in navy.Pants and skirts should be in uniform-like fabrics, in any length past fingertips.

OR

3. **A Top and Dennis Uniform or Frenchtoast.com Jumper or Skirt Combination.** A **white-only** button up shirt, button up blouse, or polo shirt (of jersey knit or pique cotton), with a sleeve of any length and collared, **and** either:

- a. (i) any of the Dennis Uniform RR plaid jumpers or skirts, or pants made from Dennis Uniform RR plaid material (satisfying length requirements above), **or**
- b. (ii) a navy-colored jumper-style dress but only from **the Le Monde store** at Frenchtoast.com.

It is recommended that children wear short-shorts in black or navy under all dresses and skirts. Some teachers may require this.

Shoes: Children must wear sneakers or leather or leather-look shoes or boots in black, brown, gray, navy, or white. Shoes must be flat and free of characters, lights, wheels, glitter, and other distracting ornaments. Shoes may have up to two colors (but no more than two), including the color of any logo, and the sole must be a neutral, non-distracting color.

In addition to the above, students may wear:

- Sweaters and sweater vests (zip up, button up, or over-the head) in gray or navy, in solid single colors only.
- A fleece jacket or vest in navy from Dennis Uniform only.
- Tights or leggings that are ankle-length in navy, gray, light blue, or white solid single colors only.
- Socks in black, navy, gray, light blue, or white, in solid single colors only.
- Belts in black, navy, or gray leather, single color only.
- Hair accessories, in navy, gray, light blue, or white or the Dennis RR Plaid.
- Cross ties in solid navy, with blouses only, not with polos.
- Neck ties, in the solid navy or gray, or in the Dennis Uniform RR Plaid, with button-down shirts only, not with polos.
- Navy beret from Dennis Uniform.

General Remarks

All regular clothing should be entirely free of visible graphics, images, words, brand names, and logos, except that: (i) shoes may have logos as described above for shoes; and (ii) logo items **from the Le Monde store at FrenchToast.com (Dennis Uniform no longer is imprinting logos)** may bear the school's official logo emblem. Outerwear, extra rubber boots and back-packs have no restrictions, although we highly encourage not having a child's name visible on the outside of clothing for safety reasons.

All clothing items are to be labeled on the inside with your student's name. An entire spare set of labeled clothing, including underwear, is to be kept at school for the kindergarten students.

Plaid items (in Dennis RR Plaid), navy jumpers, school logo emblem items, berets and microfleece may only be purchased at Dennis Uniform Company or Frenchtoast.com. All other items may be purchased anywhere you like, at any number of retailers around town or on the web.

Stores

Dennis Uniform Company no longer maintains a Le Monde online store, but you can see their RR Plaid items at their website: go to www.DennisUniform.com, click on “Dennis Shop Online”.

FrenchToast.com, which features many uniform options, has created a web storefront for our school. All items on the FrenchToast.com web storefront comply with our school’s uniform requirements, as long as items are combined only as described above. Further, when you use Le Monde’s school source code in order to access our web storefront at FrenchToast.com, a full 5% of your purchase amount will be donated back to Le Monde by FrenchToast.com. To shop at the web storefront, go to www.FrenchToast.com, find the “Express Shopping” text box, and enter our school source code: QS5HBIS (or use the search functionality under “Find Your School’s Dress Code”).

Uniform Exchanges

Throughout the year, the Le Monde family group organizes uniform exchanges, where parents/guardians donate their students' gently-used uniform clothing free for other families to take. You can contact them to learn more about the days when uniform exchanges will be scheduled here: uniforms@lemondeparents.org