

Beachcombers Academy Dress Code

(for Kindergarten- grade 7 students)

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Logo

Polo shirt:

pale blue or navy (all suppliers). Short sleeve and long sleeve.

Navy blue tunic dress or skirt is an option, with navy blue tights.

Pants and shorts:

Quick-dry: grey or navy (all MEC options) or other supplier.

or

Cotton uniform pants: navy (Old Navy, Landsend, Cambridge or The Children's Place in the mall in Courtenay.)

Optional Fleece or sweater:

Navy (Cambridge or Landsend) or

Logo optional (Cambridge or Landsend).

All students: indoor shoes, appropriate outdoor clothing for all weather. Rubber boots for wet weather. Warm 'layering' shirts may be navy blue or grey

Beachcombers Uniform Suppliers:

Primary Suppliers:

Cambridge Uniforms (Canadian supplier): children, youth & adult sizing.

Website: cambridgeuniforms.com: "register your child" with school code: **BEA987** or order by phone 1-800-924-9069.

Lands'end (duties apply): children, youth & adult sizing.

Website: landsend.ca: login and "find your school".

MEC: Quick dry pants only: children, youth & adult sizing: mec.ca

(Grey or navy).

Lower Cost Options:

Embroidered School Logo can be applied after purchase from the suppliers below. At the beginning of the school year, we will gather items and send them for embroidery. We will advise you of the cost (approx.. \$12.00 per item) and payment process once they have been returned.

Old Navy -- Low Cost Option: (free shipping over \$50; sales in spring/summer.)

Girls uniform pants (cotton), navy.

Boys uniform chino pants (cotton), navy.

The Children's Place -- Low Cost Option: (store in the mall in Nanaimo and online.)

Girls uniform pants (cotton), navy.

Boys uniform khakis pants (cotton), navy

Why Uniforms?

- **Mind over material:** Students focus more on schoolwork while in class than what peers are wearing that day. Additionally, kids are less stressed about wearing the latest trends, or being out of the loop.
- **Less disagreement between students and teachers:** Educators don't have to spend as much time and attention focusing on what is appropriate attire. Parents also often say that it makes mornings easier.
- **Fieldtrip safety:** Clothing is appropriate for outdoor activities. Teachers are easily able to distinguish who belongs to the student body and who doesn't when in public, increasing school safety overall.
- **Identity:** students learn that their identity and creativity is not dependent on their clothing; it is inherent in who they are, the choices they make, and through creative thinking. Creativity is expressed through school projects.
- **Cheaper than yearly wardrobes:** Although the cost of uniforms can be expensive up front, the amount of money parents spend on fall and spring wardrobes each year for their children can be much more. School uniforms are intended to last and hold up to the stress of everyday wear.
- **Sense of equality:** Maybe the most important point– kids feel a sense of equality among their classmates. They can spend more time getting to know each other and about their unique backgrounds without the limitations of clothing choices.