NOVA CLASSICAL ACADEMY UNIFORM GUIDELINES 2024-25

The purpose of the uniform policy is two-fold. First, it is functional: to focus students' attention on their work at school rather than their attire, and to project a unified school image, which is proper and neat in appearance, reflecting the important nature of our enterprise. Uniforms are a means to help all members of the school attend to the mission and vision of the school.

Nova Classical Academy students are expected to be in uniform on a daily basis (administration may designate non-uniform days). It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their child adheres to this policy. The Administration will develop uniform guidelines that specify what items are appropriate for students at each stage. Teachers, with assistance from the Administration, will enforce these guidelines.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS, GRADES K-12

- Uniforms must be neat, clean, and in good repair.
- All clothing must be properly sized (not baggy, too short, or tight).
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- Uniforms are to be worn when performing in school concerts and on all field trips.
- Nova spirit wear may only be worn on designated spirit wear or non-uniform days. Nova items that are not listed in the Nova guidelines are considered spirit wear.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed. Students may be directed to remove pen, ink, or marker drawings on the skin.
- Hair accessories can be black, white, burgundy (Nova Classical school colors), or Nova Classical plaid. Our vendors sell headbands and hair scrunchies in our approved plaid.
- Makeup, nail polish, and jewelry must be minimal and modest, not excessive or distracting. Students may be asked to remove jewelry for PE.
- Headscarves, hijabs, abayas, or other similar apparel must be solid colors or patterns.
- In the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric, all shirts must be tucked in at all times unless they have a banded bottom or are fitted-style School of Rhetoric Oxfords.
- Appropriate skirt length may be determined by placing one's hands at one's side. The skirt should be no higher than two inches above the end of the fingers. Skirts may not be rolled at the waist. If there is a question of the inappropriateness of skirt length, even given this guideline, the decision of Nova Classical staff will prevail.
- Shoes allowed include: dress, walking/running, tennis shoes, and sneakers in solid, dark colors.
- Shoes <u>not</u> allowed for all ages include, but are not limited to: Heelys, boots (winter/outdoor, or those past ankle height), light-up shoes, crocs, flip flops, sandals, clogs, slippers, etc.
- Leg Wear Option with Skirts: Students throughout K-12 may wear black, gray, or white ankle-length leggings, with a uniform-approved sock.

❖ On Out-of-Uniform Days, the following guidelines apply:
- No ripped or torn clothing
- No alcohol, drug or drug paraphernalia, or sexual imagery/language
- No explicit or profane language
- Shoulders and midriff must be completely covered
- No sandals, slippers, or open-toed shoes
- No masks or costume accessories (capes, shields, weapons, etc.)
- Hats may not be worn during instructional times

❖ Families are expected to ensure their children's adherence to Nova Classical's appearance and uniform guidelines.

❖ Students found out of compliance with the guidelines may be asked to meet the school's standards before attending class and/or (for Upper School) may be assigned demerits or detention.

❖ Nova Classical offers Uniform Assistance for students who qualify for Educational Benefits. Please visit our website for information on educational benefits or contact our Food Service Director for the appropriate form(s) and information.

NOVA'S UNIFORM VENDORS FOR 2024-2025	
Donald's Uniforms (DO): 972 Payne Avenue, St. Paul, 55130 651.776.2723 | www.donaldsuniform.com	**Lands' End (LE):** Lands' End Uniform Catalog or landsend.com under School Uniforms Nova Classical's Preferred School Number is 900133182

SCHOOL OF GRAMMAR (GRADES K–5)

Tops		Color			Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Polo Shirt:** Long/Short Sleeve	**Burgundy**	White		Optional	DO, LE, Other
Optional	**Turtleneck:** Long Sleeve	**Burgundy**	White		Optional	DO, LE, Other
	Sweater: Cardigan	**Burgundy**			Optional	DO, LE, Other
	Sweatshirt: Crewneck	**Burgundy**			Optional	DO, LE, Other
	Fleece Zip Jacket *(full zip style)*	**Black**			✔	DO
Bottoms/Jumper		**Color**			**Nova Logo?**	**Vendor**
Required	**Pants:** Dress/Chino *(no denim, stretch/fitness, cargo, or yoga pants)*	**Navy**			N/A	DO, LE, Other
	Shorts: No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at sides	**Navy**			N/A	DO, LE, Other
	Skirts: No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at sides *(Tights, ankle-leggings, or bike shorts under skirt)*	**Uniform Plaid**			N/A	DO, LE, Other
	Jumper: No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at side *(Tights, ankle-leggings, or bike shorts under jumper)*	**Uniform Plaid**			N/A	DO, LE, Other
Optional	**Tights** *(only if worn under skirt)*	**Black**			N/A	DO, LE, Other
	Leggings *(only when worn under skirt: ankle-length, not baggy)*	**Black**	Gray	White	N/A	DO, LE, Other
Footwear		**Color**			**Nova Logo?**	**Vendor**
Required	**Athletic Shoes**: Plain/Non-distracting	**Dark, plain, non-distracting**			N/A	Other
	Socks *(plain, no logos/patterns other than Nova plaid)*	**Black**	Gray	White	N/A	Other

SCHOOL OF LOGIC (GRADES 6–8)

Tops *(white undershirt required)*		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Polo Shirt:** Long/Short Sleeve *(tucked in unless banded bottom)*	**Burgundy** / White	✔	DO, LE
Optional	**Sweater**: Cardigan or Sweater Vest	**Burgundy**	✔	DO, LE
	Sweatshirt: Crewneck	**Burgundy**	✔	DO
	Fleece Zip Jacket *(full zip style)*	**Black**	✔	DO

Bottoms		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Pants:** Dress/Chino *(no denim/jeans, stretch/fitness, sweatpants, cargo, or yoga pants)*	**Navy**	N/A	DO, LE
	Shorts: No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at sides	**Navy**	N/A	DO, LE
	Skirt/Skort: No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at sides *(dark bike shorts required under skirts)*	**Uniform Plaid**	N/A	DO, LE
Optional	**Tights** *(only if worn under skirt - plain, no patterns or fishnet)*	**Black**	N/A	N/A
	Leggings *(only when worn under skirt: ankle-length, not baggy, no sweatpants)*	**Black** / Gray / White	N/A	DO, LE

Footwear		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Shoes**: Solid colors, plain. (i.e. white, black, brown, gray) *(dress, athletic, or ankle-height boots - separate from PE shoes)*	**Solid colors, plain.**	N/A	N/A
	Socks *(plain, no logos/patterns)*	**Black** / Gray / White	N/A	N/A

Physical Education		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	PE Mesh Gym Shorts	**Burgundy**	✔	DO
	PE T-shirt	Gray	✔	DO
	PE Shoes: Running/Tennis Shoe *(no slip-on)*	Any Color	N/A	DO

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC (GRADES 9–12)

Tops *(white undershirt required)*		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Polo Shirt:** Long/Short Sleeve *(tucked in unless banded bottom)*	**Burgundy** / White	✔	DO, LE
	Oxford Shirt: Long/Short Sleeve, ¾ sleeve blouse	White	✔	DO, LE
Optional	**Sweater**: Pullover Cardigan or Sweater Vest	Gray	✔	DO, LE
	Sweater: Button-Down V-Neck	**Black**	✔	DO
	Sweatshirt: Crewneck	**Burgundy**	✔	DO
	Fleece Zip Jacket *(full zip style)*	**Black**	✔	DO
	Blazer	**Black**	Optional	LE
	Tie/Scarf: Solid or Striped w/ White	**Black** / **Burgundy** / Gray	Optional	N/A

Bottoms		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Pants:** Dress/Chino *(no denim/jeans, stretch/fitness, sweatpants, cargo, or yoga pants)*	**Black**	N/A	DO, LE
	Shorts: No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at sides	**Black**	N/A	DO, LE
	Skirt: Pleated—No higher than 2" above fingertips when hands are at sides *(dark bike shorts or leggings required underneath)*	**Black**	N/A	DO, LE
Optional	**Tights** *(only if worn under skirt - plain, no patterns or fishnet)*	**Black**	N/A	N/A
	Leggings *(only when worn under skirt - ankle-length, not baggy, no sweatpants)*	**Black**	N/A	DO, LE

Footwear		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	**Shoes**: Solid colors, plain. (i.e. white, black, brown, gray) *(dress, athletic, or ankle-height boots - separate from PE shoes)*	**Solid colors, plain.**	N/A	N/A
	Socks *(plain, no logos/patterns)*	**Black** / Gray / White	N/A	N/A

Physical Education		Color	Nova Logo?	Vendor
Required	PE Mesh Gym Shorts	**Burgundy**	✔	DO
	PE T-shirt	Gray	✔	DO
	PE Shoes: Running/Tennis Shoe *(no slip-on)*	Any Color	N/A	DO
Optional	Nova Knights athletic warm-ups over PE uniform (jacket, pants, sweatshirt, etc.)	Any	✔	N/A