

# Uniform Policy

The Governing Board of The Odyssey supports the establishment and enforcement of a school uniform. It is their belief that the wearing of a school uniform by students of The Odyssey assists in creating an environment conducive to a quality learning opportunity for the children that attend Odyssey. Parents enrolling their scholars in The Odyssey agree to comply with the Uniform Policy at all times. Uniforms are available for purchase at Absolute Screen Printing, 407 E. Monroe Ave, Buckeye, AZ or Hi Fashion in Avondale, 1450 N Dysart Rd, Avondale, AZ 85323.

*“One of our Core Values at the Odyssey Institute is ‘We are committed to creating an environment of professionalism and acceptance.’ Our purpose in asking scholars to wear a uniform is two-fold. One, it is to encourage scholars to understand the importance of presenting themselves in a professional manner. We ask them to consider what it means to show their classmates and their teachers that they are physically and mentally ready to participate in their community. We also feel the uniform helps facilitate acceptance and individuality. To quote one of our scholars “The uniform puts everyone on the same material level so that you are forced to learn about a person’s internal story.”*

## UNIFORMS:

The **ONLY APPROVED shirts** for boys and girls enrolled at The Odyssey Institute are the short-sleeved or long-sleeved **Black or Maroon** uniform shirt (Polo) with the Odyssey logo – whether one has a pullover on or not or the **White**

**button-down shirt with neutral tie** (Required for College Field Trips or Game Days).

The **ONLY APPROVED pants/shorts** for boys and girls are dress uniform Khaki or Black color pants, shorts, or capris. **No Jeans, Leggings, or Cargo Pants.**

**Black skirts** may be worn with the white-button up shirt / tie option. All skirts must be approximately knee-length and **MUST** be purchased from the [OI Spirit Store](#).

The tie is required for all scholars with the white-button up shirt, tie dress option.

For Physical Education (PE), **the OI PE shirt (OR Any OI Shirt) and OI PE shorts and/or BLACK LEGGINGS are OK – NO SPANDEX.** They may be purchased at the Spirit Store or online from the Spirit Store.

## OUTERWEAR:

Any appropriate jacket may be worn to school but only the **approved Odyssey sweatshirts** may be worn inside. As noted below: Sweaters/Sweatshirts will:

- Be school approved colors, **solid** – maroon, grey, or black, **OR**
- Be Odyssey Sweatshirts free of letters, numbers, icons, and symbols and will not display logos other than the approved Odyssey logo

**Non-Odyssey wear must be removed when scholars enter the school building. This outerwear shall not be worn at any other time during the school day with the exception of lunch if the scholar chooses to go outside during inclement weather.**

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**Non-Odyssey approved outerwear is not to be worn in the hallways or classrooms at all during the school day.**

## **DRESS CODE:**

All clothing will:

- Be clean and neat
- Be the appropriate size (not skin tight or too large)
- Not be torn, tattered or written on
- Not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by The Odyssey Preparatory Academy administration

Uniform shirts will:

- Have any short-sleeved undershirt or **GREY, BLACK OR MAROON** long-sleeved

Under-Shirt (Optional)

- Tucked in at the waist at all times

Pants will:

- Be pulled up and snug above the hips
- Be no longer than just above the sole of the shoe

Shorts will:

- Be no shorter than the knee
- Be no longer than the top of the knee

Sweaters/Sweatshirts will:

- Be school approved colors, **solid** – maroon, grey, or black
- Be Odyssey Sweatshirts free of letters, numbers, icons, and symbols and will not display logos other than the approved Odyssey logo

Jewelry/Piercings will:

- Be kept to a minimum
- Not include large hoop or large dangle style earrings

- Include only appropriate neckwear, bracelets, and belts
- Facial piercings can only be of a Clear Post.
- Not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard

*We are aware that the definitions of professionalism can change over time and acceptance can include incorporating these changing norms. Piercing has become a more common aspect of our society. In an effort to maintain the professional appearance, we are requiring that if a scholar has a facial piercing, the stud should be clear. If scholars are not wearing a clear stud, they will be asked to remove the piercing.*

Footwear will:

- Be required at all times
- Be lace up athletic shoes tied at all times

Scholars may wear flat, neutral color shoes – athletic shoes required for PE

- No boots
- Hair will:
- Not be an extreme style (ex: no Mohawks)
- Be only natural hair colors
- Not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by the Odyssey administration

Headwear will:

- Only be worn outside the building and can be worn during P.E outside.

Be restricted to school appropriate designs that are not vulgar, violent, obscene, or gang related

- No “do-rags”, bandanas or sweatbands

Backpacks/Binders will:

- Be free of logos, symbols or pictures that represent something illegal, violent, illicit or suggestive Subject to search by an Odyssey Administrator at any time, with or without warning

## **UNIFORM VIOLATIONS**

**Students not wearing proper uniforms will be required to change into proper uniform. Uniform violations deemed excessive by the Odyssey Board of Directors will result in expulsion from school.**