



Country Day Uniform Q & A

Country Day School requires uniforms for students in 1st thru 8th grades.

This is based on a review of trends in Montessori and traditional education. The benefits include reduced peer pressure, long term savings in the cost of school clothes, reduced struggles in dressing students each morning as well as increased school pride!

Q. Where do I get the uniforms?

A. The uniforms are available at **Allen Sports Center**, 6585 Seminole Blvd. – phone 727-397-0421. This is south of Park Blvd. on the east side of the road (just past the Pinellas Trail overpass). They stock the required styles and colors of bottoms and shirts. They are competitively priced with other uniform vendors and supply many schools in this area. Prices depend upon size.

Q. What are the uniform options?

A. **Tops:**

- 1st thru 8th graders may wear yellow, white, blue and green polo shirts. The shirts are embroidered with the tree logo and the school name. **Only Middle School students will have the additional option of a black polo.**

Bottoms:

- Bottoms for boys consist of shorts and long pants, in navy or khaki.
- Girls can choose from any bottom that Alan's offers, as long as it comes in navy or khaki. Examples of available bottoms would be shorts, long pants, capri pants, skorts, skirts and culottes.

Q. Does my child have to wear the uniform pants or will any khaki or navy shorts do?

A. In the interests of uniformity and fairness to all the children in a classroom, *only the bottoms offered at Allen's Sporting Goods are acceptable.* They offer a wide variety of sizes to fit all body types.

Q. Do the shirts have to be tucked in?

A. No. Much of Montessori work is done on rugs and students will be more comfortable by not having to continually tuck their shirts in, therefore, it is a personal choice. Belts only need to be worn if the shirt is tucked in.

Q. What is the appropriate length of shorts and skirts?

A. Shorts and skirts should be at least fingertip length for girls. Allen's does offer hemming services in the store.

Q. What about shoes?

A. Consistent with current policy, students in Pre-primary thru 3rd grades are required to wear sneakers or athletic shoes. This is a safety issue, as students in these grades have recess/playground time. Students who do not wear athletic shoes will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities. No hard soled, open toed or open back shoes, cowboy boots, sandals or 'croc's' are allowed. Upper School students may wear any closed toe shoe with a heel no higher than 2", however, sandals and crocs are excluded. The faculty and administration reserve the right to make a judgment as to inappropriate footwear that is deemed unsafe by administration. (Appropriate athletic shoes are required for PE)

Q. What do we wear for PE?

A. Upper school students (4th – 8th) must dress out for PE. Country Day PE shirts are available for purchase in the office. Appropriate athletic shorts and shoes must be worn.

Q. Do Pre-Primary & Primary students wear uniforms?

A. Uniforms are optional for the younger students.

- The smallest size the embroidered shirts come in is a youth size x-small (5-6). These are available at Allen Sports Center.
- A variety of t-shirts with Country Day designs are available for purchase in the office.
- Tennis or soft-soled shoes are required. No sandals, mules or boots!