

Uniform Policy

Philosophy

Because students, parents and staff of the Nellie McClung Girls' Junior High Program agree that uniforms are an important and valuable part of the Program, a policy is in place to ensure the uniform becomes an automatic and easy component.

Uniform Regulations

The following regulations are detailed to provide an understanding and clarity on what is required. These regulations will be strictly enforced daily by the Nellie program staff and administrators.

N.B. If, for any reason, any parts of the uniform cannot be worn by a student for health reasons, a letter from the student's physician must be obtained explaining the situation.

Wearing of the Uniform

- The complete school uniform must be worn within the school building throughout the day by all students. No "out of uniform" clothing may be worn within the school building during the school day.
- Because of the dress code, it is expected that jewelry and make-up will be minimal and that these and hairstyles and colour will be neat, and respectable. NOTE: hair coloring, and piercings are permitted if done in a neat, and respectable manner. Jewelry is also permitted if it doesn't detract from the uniform and is not distracting.
- When representing the program, the students will be in full school uniform. However, for certain activities, the supervising teacher may allow alternate dress with the approval of the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- On certain days, students will be required to wear "**Number Ones**" (*see below*). On other days, students may wear number ones or alternate uniforms.

Regulation Required Dress

Number Ones

The following combination is called "Number Ones" and may be worn every day and must be worn whenever students are specifically requested to wear "Number Ones". Every Nellie McClung student must have all the items listed as "Number Ones".

1. Nellie McClung kilt : If a student cannot wear a kilt for religious reasons, the regulation navy pant may be substituted for Number Ones
2. Nellie McClung tie
3. White NLM oxford cloth shirt (long or short-sleeved)
4. Navy NLM cardigan – functionally “optional” during very hot weather, or if the student is feeling uncomfortably hot
5. Navy knee socks or tights
6. Black regulation shoes

Description of "Number Ones" Items: all items are only available through the uniform provider unless specified otherwise

1. **Kilt:** Nellie McClung kilt. The kilt must be worn at a length no shorter than 1" measured from the middle of the student's kneecap to the bottom of the kilt. If the kilt is shortened, it must be done professionally by a seamstress or family member. The kilt must be clean, pressed and properly hemmed.

2. **Tie:** Nellie McClung tie. When the tie is worn, it must be clean, pressed and tied properly at all times.
3. **Oxford Cloth Shirt:** White short or long sleeved Nellie McClung shirt. The shirt must be clean, pressed and completely tucked in at all times.
4. **Cardigan:** Navy, long sleeved Nellie McClung cardigan. The cardigan must be clean and neat.
5. **Navy knee socks or tights (may also be purchased elsewhere):** Knee socks are to be pulled up to the knees at all times. Tights are to be free of runs.
6. **Black shoes (NOT available through the uniform provider):** Students may purchase a variety of different styles of a black shoe including the "penny loafer", "Doc Marten" or "Mary Jane" type. HEELS MAY BE NO HIGHER THAN 1". THE SHOES MAY NOT COVER THE ANKLE. SANDALS, SNEAKERS OR RUNNING SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

Alternative Dress Regulations

The following may be worn to school as part of the regulation uniform unless students are specifically requested to wear "Number Ones". NOTE: White tops with a collar (oxford cloth blouse, golf shirt, turtleneck) must be worn with the uniform at all times.

Description of Alternative Dress Items: all items are only available through the uniform provider unless specified otherwise

1. Navy dress pants must be professionally hemmed if shortening is required. The pants must be clean, pressed, and worn with navy socks.
2. Navy walking shorts must be clean and pressed. May be worn with navy knee or navy ankle socks.
3. Navy NLM sweat shirt must be clean and neat.
4. White golf shirt (**may also be purchased elsewhere**) must be clean, pressed and completely tucked in at all times.
5. White turtleneck sweater (**may also be purchased elsewhere**) must be long sleeved, clean, neat and tucked in at all times.
6. Shoes (**NOT available through the uniform provider**): Same as with "Number Ones".

Phys Ed Uniform: all items are only available through the uniform provider unless specified otherwise

1. White NLM tee shirt
2. Navy NLM shorts
3. Athletic socks (**NOT available through the uniform provider**) must be white colored
4. Gym/running shoes (**NOT available through the uniform provider**) must be non-marking, and suitable

Optional Phys Ed Uniform for Outdoor Activities

1. Navy sweat pants and top

Uniform Infractions

- Staff will check every day to make sure students are properly dressed
- Uniform infractions are dealt with in a Service Policy as one of the Zero Tolerance Behaviours
- If a student is "out of uniform", the student must complete a public service for one of their teachers (this can be a variety of tasks). If a public service is not done or completed, the student loses the privilege of free dress day at the end of the month. Teachers record infractions to avoid penalizing twice for the same infraction. If there is more than one infraction, students are required to give up one of their lunch hours for their teacher (this is a great deterrent).