

Uniform FAQ

Dear Parents,

In order to give some additional details that may be helpful, we've constructed this FAQ for reference. As always, if you have any questions, please contact our offices.

Q: Is Lands' End the only provider of uniforms for BACS?

A: Yes, Lands' End is the exclusive provider of uniforms. However, if students have or want to acquire BACS polo shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies, jackets, etc. from the Bronco Spirit Store, those are acceptable items to wear. If a BACS sweatshirt is worn, there needs to be an acceptable school uniform top underneath the sweatshirt. For consistency, the only places to purchase school approved uniforms is Lands' End and the BACS Spirit Store.

Q: Do girls have to specifically wear skirts, skorts, or pants?

A: No, girls may wear a variety of options including shorts. When you register your child by grade and gender, all of the available options are provided for you. Please be aware that all skirts must be worn at the top of the knee or longer. Some may need to purchase a longer skirt and have it hemmed to the correct length.

Q: May my child wear any shoe they want?

A: Students need to wear shoes that totally enclose the foot - no sandals or flip-flops. Sperry's, Toms, Vans, tennis shoes, flats, boots or dress shoes (with one inch heel or less), are all acceptable - colors may vary. House shoes, slippers, sandals, flip-flops, high heels and sling-backs are not permitted.

Q: Do all the shirts have to have the school logo?

A: All shirts and outerwear (vests, sweaters, jackets, etc.) purchased through Lands' End for school uniforms must have the logo. The school logo embroidery is done by Lands' End. Please take advantage of the penny logo incentive when available. Also, if we offer a polo through the Spirit Store, that is an acceptable uniform top as well. Additionally, any spirit day wear is acceptable on spirit day and doesn't require a logo.

Q: Do shirts need to be tucked in for both girls and boys?

A: Yes, the shirts do need to be tucked in for both boys and girls. However, girls button down shirts may be worn out. All polo shirts must be tucked in. Please remember that a BACS sweatshirt can also be worn over a uniform shirt. On Fridays, our Spirit Day, students are not required to tuck in their shirts.

Q: What about jackets or fleece options - do they have to have the school logo?

A: Any jacket may be worn on campus, but only outerwear with the logos or Spirit Store/Bronco outerwear, hoodies, sweatshirts, etc. may be worn during the day in the

school buildings. For instance, a child may wear his or her choice of a jacket or coat on campus to and from the car and at recess, but if it is not part of the school uniform or approved Spirit Store offering, then the student needs to store the jacket while in the building.

Q: Why did BACS choose Lands' End?

A: We interviewed by committee, three selected venues. Lands' End clearly exceeded the competitors' standards in three distinct areas: quality of product, price of product, and customer service/return policy.

Q: Will the styles change from year to year?

A: Our vision for the style of our uniform is to be consistent in expectation. Therefore, we will not make wholesale changes, rather there may be yearly implementations or additions. In the elementary grades, there may be styles that aren't age appropriate for junior high students. It is good to know that the basic options of shorts, pants, and polos are acceptable in all grades. So, it is conceivable for a seventh grader to wear a polo for several years as long as it is fitting.

Q: What do I do with my clothes when I leave?

A: The vision for the uniforms is not to be cumbersome but to be freeing in that they provide consistency in expectations and for the focus to be on other priorities. Therefore, the uniforms may be passed down or sold to schoolmates, friends and family or donated back to the school for a discounted resale to other students.

Q: Will we still have Spirit Days?

A: ABSOLUTELY! When we have spirit days on Fridays, students will need to wear Lands' End pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, etc. However, Bronco Spirit Wear items are acceptable for tops. This includes class t-shirts, Bronco Spirit Store wear, any BACS sports shirts, etc.

Q: What about after-school activities? Does my child still need to be in uniform?

A: They can be, but no, they do not have to be. Students do need to be mindful to be dressed modestly, though.

Q: When can we begin ordering uniforms?

A: You can start now if you'd like. Simply go to their website, landsend.com, and use our school code 900161282. Don't forget your coupon!

Q: What kind of socks, belts, or leggings are allowed?

A: The intention of the dress code is not to remove individuality or choices from students. Therefore, we are not mandating that socks, leggings, shoes, ties, etc. be purchased through Lands' End. There are only a few guidelines regarding these areas: Belts must be worn when there are belt loops. Belts can be any style as long as they fit within the belt loops. In K-6, leggings and socks can be any style or color.

Parameters for grades 7-12 are that leggings/tights should be solid colors without textured designs, and socks should not be distracting in style of design or style of wear.

Q: Where do we purchase PE uniforms?

A: We currently purchase our gym shirts and shorts from Pasadena Sporting Goods at an affordable rate. This will continue for the 2014-15 school year.