

School Uniform Shopping Guide

The primary uniform skirt, pants, and shorts supplier for McNicholas is Schoolbelles, which has been serving numerous schools in the tri-state area since 1957. Schoolbelles operates a retail store at 5718 Harrison Ave. in Western Hills. Due to COVID-19, no in-school fitting dates will be available this summer. You may contact a Schoolbelles representative at 1-888-637-3037 to make an appointment for an in-store measurement, or you may visit their [website](https://www.schoolbelles.com) to consult the measurement guidelines.

To place an order online, visit <https://www.schoolbelles.com>. School code: s2930.

It is recommended to **place orders by July 4** to ensure arrival by the start of the school year. [Please watch this video](#) for information about measuring and examples of the style and color options.

WOMEN

SKIRT: Specified Schoolbelles styles available in black, khaki or grey worn no higher than 2 inches above the knee.

PANTS: Dress pants in khaki, navy, or grey similar to the style illustrated on the Schoolbelles website. No denim-style, corduroy, cargo-style, or capris. No pockets on the outside of the pants. Style and fit should be suitable for employment in a conservative office -- neither too tight nor too loose. (Shorts are not permitted.)

LEGGINGS: Navy, black, or grey leggings mid-calf or longer are permitted. Flesh-tone, black, navy, or grey hose and tights are permitted. Sweat pants under the skirt are prohibited.

SHIRT/TOP: Uniform polo shirts -- available exclusively through our on-campus Rocket Shop -- in white, grey, or green with either the old logo or the new logo (available in fall 2020) short- or long-sleeved.

MEN

SHORTS: Khaki, navy or grey shorts no higher than 2 inches above the knee. The style should be similar to the style illustrated on the Schoolbelles website. No denim-style, corduroy, or cargo-style. No pockets on the outside of the pants. *The length requirement will be strictly enforced.*

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ALL STUDENTS

SWEATSHIRTS/FLEECES: Students may wear McNicholas spirit wear sweatshirts and fleeces with the school logo purchased through the Rocket Shop and/or through McNicholas athletics, clubs or programs. A uniform polo shirt must be worn under a sweatshirt. Hoodies will be permitted. Sweat pants are not permitted except on Jeans/Sweats Days (see below).

SOCKS: Socks must be worn above the ankle. Socks must match the uniform.

SHOES: Dress shoes or gym shoes may be worn. Shoes must have a back. High heels may not be worn.

COATS/HATS: Outside jackets/coats/vests are not to be worn inside the building during school hours. Hats, bandanas, hoods, or any other headwear are not permitted.

SPIRIT DAYS: Most Fridays (or the last day of the week) are Spirit Days. Students may wear an Archbishop McNicholas Spirit Top with the normal school bottom. A Spirit Top is a shirt that is purchased in the Rocket Shop or approved by a McNicholas team or club. If a student chooses not to wear a Spirit Top, then the uniform polo shirt must be worn.

JEANS/SWEATS DAYS: Periodically we have Jeans/Sweats Days to celebrate special events. Jeans/Sweats with a McNick Spirit Top will be permitted. Jeans/Sweatpants must be in good condition (i.e. no holes). Sweatpants purchased in the Rocket Shop or approved by a McNicholas team or club are preferred; however, solid green, white, grey, gold, black and navy are permitted. Leggings and shorts (including athletic shorts) other than the school uniform shorts are not permitted. Those choosing not to participate should wear the normal school uniform.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS: Periodically students will be permitted to be out of uniform on designated days. On those days, students can wear a shirt with the theme of that day (i.e. Homecoming Week) with the school uniform bottom. Shorts other than the school uniform will NOT be permitted. Those choosing not to participate should wear the normal school uniform.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Does this mean I have to order my daughter a new skirt for the 2020-21 school year?

A: No. If your daughter is happy with her current skirt, *and* it meets the 2" guideline*, she may continue to wear it as long as she pleases. This just allows for *additional* styles and options.

Q: Can I still order through Shaheen's?

A: Yes. If you prefer the skirt style uniform bottom, those are still available for purchase through Shaheen.

Q: Does Schoolbelles offer school-approved pants?

A: Yes. Based on student feedback, we partnered with Schoolbelles to provide several options for men *and* women:

- Poly pants and shorts for men
- Cotton/poly pants for women

Q: Must school-appropriate pants be purchased only from Schoolbelles?

A: No. Khaki, navy, or grey pants from any provider may be worn as long as they match the style and fit of the pants on the McNick section of the [Schoolbelles website](#). These pants meet the requirements of the student handbook: Style and fit should be suitable for employment in a conservative office –neither too tight nor too loose. Pants should not be denim-style, cargo-style, corduroy, or capris. Pockets should not be on the outside of the pants.