

Dress Code Policy

It is the goal of St. Joseph School to implement a more streamlined uniform code for our students. This will be initiated at the start of the 2024-2025 school year. All clothing must be neat, clean, in good condition, modest, and properly fitted. The following is a list of acceptable clothing:

Shirts:

- Collared polo shirts (long or short sleeved) in solid colors that are black, navy blue, royal blue, white, and gray
- At least one royal blue polo for special occasions (Ex. All School Picture)
- Long sleeve shirts to go under school polo shirt are allowed, as long as they are solid in color

Sweaters:

- Sweaters (approved color) must have a polo shirt underneath
- Acceptable sweaters include Hooded sweatshirts with St. Joseph School logo only, V-neck, crewneck, cardigan, or sweater vest

Pants:

- Khaki, black, navy, or gray pants; jeans
- Denim clothing is not allowed on Mass days (Unless otherwise specified)
- Leggings/Yoga Pants are not allowed

Shorts:

- Shorts may be worn between May 1st and October 1st
- Shorts must be no shorter than 3” above the kneecap (No athletic apparel - Except on Thursdays and Birthdays)
- All shorts must be in good condition, plain and in approved school colors (Khaki, black, navy, or gray)
- Shorts and skorts are allowed on Mass days

Skirts, Dresses, Jumpers:

- Khaki, black, gray or navy skirts
- Khaki, black, navy or gray dresses with a collar or a collared shirt underneath the dress (approved colors)
- Dresses cannot be sweater material
- Lengths must be no shorter than 3” above the kneecap
- Leggings, of a solid color, maybe worn underneath the dress; socks must be worn with leggings

Footwear:

- Socks/nylons must always be worn
- Acceptable shoes include: casual, boots, dress, tennis, sandals, and heels. All shoes must have backs.
- At all times shoes must be tied or buckled

Jewelry:

- Only watches, post earrings (no more than two per ear), Religious medals and crosses on plain silver or gold chains, and scapulars
- Wearable technology pieces that have the capability to connect to a SmartPhone for the purpose of texting, calling, Internet browsing, etc. MAY NOT be worn.

Make-up and Hair:

- Make-up should be light, natural colors only. Students will be asked to remove make-up that is deemed excessive or distracting.
- Nail polish is acceptable if presented neatly and without distraction
- Hair should be clean and neatly groomed and not cause a distraction
- No tattoos or body piercings
- **If an item of clothing is not listed under “acceptable clothing”, it is not allowed**

Dress Code Violations

- **First Violation**--The student will be asked to get a change of clothing by calling home or wearing a school district garment.
- **Second Violation**--Same as first
- **Third Violation**--Same as second violation; serve a one-day “In House” suspension.
- **Additional Violations**--Considered defiance of authority and will result in an “out of school” suspension.

A Dress Code promotes a school’s academic environment, maintains discipline, and prevents disruption of the educational process. Having good taste in dress and grooming establishes school pride.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body...” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20