

# Dress Code

The St. Joseph dress code sets a high standard for personal growth and self-discipline. Students are encouraged to present themselves with pride and dignity. All clothing should be neat, clean, free from holes, rips or tears, and be properly worn. Each student must follow these guidelines for acceptable dress.

<b>CLOTHING PERMITTED</b>	
<b>BLAZER:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All students must have one.</li><li>• solid, navy blue</li><li>• no logos or decorations</li></ul>
<b>SHIRTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>t-shirts:</b> crewneck, solid color, cotton, short or long sleeves</li><li>• <b>polo:</b> solid color, cotton, short or long sleeves</li><li>• <b>turtleneck:</b> solid color, cotton</li><li>• <b>oxford dress:</b> solid color, short or long sleeves</li></ul> <p><b>None of the above may have logos and all must be tucked in. If shirts are layered, all must be tucked in.</b></p>
<b>SWEATERS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• plain, cabled, or ribbed, solid color</li><li>• crewneck, cardigan or vest</li><li>• no hoods or logos</li></ul>
<b>SWEATSHIRTS/ FLEECE PULLOVERS OR VESTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• solid color</li><li>• no logos or hoods</li><li>• no zipper jackets</li></ul>
<b>PANTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dress or cargo style ( plain, no jean-style, low-rider, or metal décor)</li><li>• khaki, navy blue or black</li><li>• appropriate fit - not too tight or too loose</li><li>• fastened at the waist</li></ul> <p><b>All are worn with belts, unless they have elastic waistbands with no belt loops.</b></p>
<b>SKIRTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dress or cargo style ( plain, no jean-style, low-rider, or metal décor)</li><li>• khaki, navy blue or black</li><li>• appropriate fit - not too tight or too loose</li><li>• fastened at the waist</li></ul> <p><b>All skirts are to be at the knee length or longer.</b></p>

**SHORTS/CAPRIS/SKORTS**

- worn only in warm weather months determined by the administration (usually August, September, October, May, June)
- dress or cargo style
- khaki, navy blue or black
- fastened at the waist
- girls-no more than 2 inches above the knee
- boys-no longer than just below the knee

**All to be worn with belts, unless they have elastic waistbands with no belt loops.**

**BELTS:**

- no studded belts, scarves, or oversize buckles

**SHOES:**

- Due to safety issues on stairs, labs, in crowded halls and on playground, **SNEAKERS** are the **only shoes permitted**.
- must not mark floors or have wheels.
- Boots may be worn to school and removed.

**JACKETS/COATS:**

- not to be worn in the building
- If cold, choose an appropriate sweater, sweatshirt or fleece top.

**HATS:**

- no headgear in the building unless approved by the administration

**JEWELRY:**

- simple style, no large earrings
- no wrist wraps of any kind
- boys- earring studs only

**HAIR:**

- neat, clean, not a distraction
- Bangs do not interfere with vision.
- Faces are to be clean-shaven.

**BODY PIERCING:**

- Other than earrings, all other types must be removed for school or any school activity.

**TATTOOS:**

- not acceptable
- Students are not permitted to write or draw on themselves or others.

## **WEARING DRESS CODE**

**REGULAR DRESS CODE DAYS:** Choose from the above Clothing Permitted selection.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS:**

- All students are required to change their clothes for physical education class. All students will wear shorts, sweats, t-shirts, and sneakers to P.E. class. Jewelry may not be worn at any time during P.E. or any other athletic event. Not changing for class will affect effort/conduct grades. No short shorts, rolled up shorts, or short t-shirts permitted.

**DRESS-UP DAYS:**

- blue blazer with white oxford cloth shirt - A solid color cotton dress shirt may be worn if there is an additional dress-up day in a single week.
- boys- ties
- pants- dress, khaki, no cargos
- This outfit will be worn every Wednesday, Mass days, and all other special occasions as determined by the administration.

**DRESS-DOWN DAYS:**

- Dress-down days are birthdays and other days determined by the administration.
- jeans (or shorts in permissible months)- appropriate fit, no holes or fraying
- t-shirt or sweatshirt/fleece top - no hoods or inappropriate fit, logos or statements

## **DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- Any student who arrives at school not in complete dress code, or is out of dress code during the day, should correct the issue immediately if possible.
- If it is determined by faculty/staff to be a simple issue (ex. un-tucked shirt, no belt, wrong shoes, etc.) repeated offenses will result in a lunch/recess detention.
- If it is determined by faculty/staff to be more serious, (ex. clothing too short/tight/low-cut, tattoos, etc.) administration will decide if the student may return to class or if parents will be notified. A lunch/recess detention will be assigned.
- If the student is not dressed appropriately for dress-up day, he/she will wear dress-up attire on the following two school days.
- If a student is not dressed appropriately for a dress-down day, parents will bring a change of clothes and the student will lose the next dress-down day.

**THE ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER ANY OF THE ABOVE ENFORCEMENT CONSEQUENCES, OR THE DRESS CODE ITSELF, AND MAKES FINAL JUDGEMENTS AS TO WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AT ANY TIME. A STUDENT WHO PERSISTENTLY REFUSES TO FOLLOW THE DRESS CODE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL.**