

DRESS CODE POLICY

Philosophy

“The goal of Catholic schools is not discipline and structure for the mere sake of order but for the sake of building habits of self-management that lead to virtuous lives” (Porter-Magee, 2019). We firmly believe that our school uniform and dress code provide the necessary structure and environment for which our students can thrive in spiritually, educationally and socially.

Purpose

The purpose of the dress code policy is to teach our students to “DRESS FOR SUCCESS.” Research has proven that uniforms have a positive impact on classroom discipline and student safety (NAESP 2013). In addition to these important benefits, a dress code encourages professionalism, school pride and a sense of community.

Guidelines and Procedures

Teacher Responsibilities:

1. Communicate the purpose of the dress code to students and parents in September.
2. Enforce the dress code each day through observation.

K-4 dress code procedures:

1. The office will make an announcement for teachers to check dress code.
2. Inform the student they are out of dress code privately.
3. First time offense the teacher will email the parent of the dress code violation and the student will receive a reminder. (If a new uniform piece is required the family will have 1 week to purchase or provide the required piece. We have a donation closet available for all families in the school.)
4. Second offense the teacher will call and email the parent of the dress code violation and the student will receive another reminder.
5. Third or more offenses the student will be sent to the office for the Assistant Principal or other office staff to call the parent for a change of clothes and the teacher will email the parent of the dress code violation.

5-8 dress code procedures:

1. The office will make an announcement for teachers to check dress code.
2. Inform the student they are out of dress code privately.
3. First time offense the teacher will email the parent of the dress code violation and the student will receive a warning. (If a new uniform piece is required the family will have 1 week to purchase or provide the required piece. We have a donation closet available for all families in the school.)
4. Second offense the teacher will call and email the parent of the dress code violation and the student will receive another warning.
5. Third or more offenses the student will be sent to the office for the Assistant Principal or other office staff to call the parent for a change of clothes and the student will receive a dress code violation to be recorded in eSchool.

(K-8: Dress down or dress up students will be able to call parents for a change of clothes.)

Student Responsibilities:

1. Review the dress code with parents at home.
2. Review the dress code policy and actions with the teacher at school.
3. Follow the dress code.

Parent Responsibilities:

1. Review the dress code with child/children.
2. Provide required uniform for each child.
3. Monitor your child is in correct uniform each day.
4. Communicate with school if there are any extenuating circumstances or special needs which may require a modification to your child's uniform.

Administration Responsibilities:

1. Create the policy with input from all stakeholders- students, parents, teachers, and school board members.
2. Provide the dress code policy to students, teachers, and parents yearly.
3. Update the policy and present the policy to be approved by the School Board as needed.
4. Enforce the dress code policy.

The following are the school approved uniform stores:

Flynn O'Hara

<https://www.flynnohara.com/>

Land's End

www.landsend.com

McKay's

851 Abbott Road

Buffalo, NY 14220

<http://www.mckaysclothing.com/school-uniforms>

Seasonal Guidelines

Starting the first day of school students in grades K-8 may wear shorts, skirts, jumpers and sneakers. Depending on weather conditions **starting Tuesday, October 15** boys are expected to wear pants and dress shoes. Girls will wear jumpers or skirts and dress shoes. When the weather gets cooler the students in grades K-7 may only wear fleece or sweaters with the St. Greg's logo. 8th grade students may wear their class sweatshirts all year. Students in K-3 may wear sweatshirts with the St. Greg's logo on gym days and Fridays only. Students in grades 4-7 may wear sweatshirts with the St. Greg's logo on Fridays only.

Hair/nail/jewelry

Make-up, fake nails, and nail polish may not be worn. All hair must be clean, neatly styled, and must be out of the eyes and face. Extreme styles or colors will not be permitted. Boys' hair must be above the shirt collar. Visible body piercings, other than singular stud earrings for girls, is not permitted.

Physical Education Uniform

Grades K-3 wear their gym uniform and sneakers during school on gym day.

Grades 4-8 will wear their school uniform and dress shoes to school on gym days. Then they will change in to their gym uniform and sneakers in the locker room for class. If a student is not in appropriate dress for the day, he/she will receive a zero for gym that day. After three unprepared days, the student will receive a detention (lunch or afterschool) and an email will go home to the parent/guardian.

Dress down/dress up guidelines

At various times throughout the school year we designate a “dress-up” or “dress-down” day. Once again, emphasis is placed upon neatness, cleanliness, appropriateness and comfort for work at school. As a general guide, non-uniform attire should provide the same body coverage as provided by uniforms. Clothing should be sized right to fit, without holes, neither faded nor frayed, nor worn inside out. Inappropriate logos/graphics/sayings are not allowed.

Students may wear on dress down days:

- jeans
- sneakers
- short socks
- shorts no shorter than three inches above the knee
- skirts no shorter than three inches above the knee
- skorts no shorter than three inches above the knee
- sweatshirts or sweatpants
- dresses
- team jerseys
- K-4 can wear leggings
- Grades 5-8: leggings can only be worn UNDER a dress or skirt

STUDENTS MAY NOT WEAR:

- sandals without back straps
- flip flops
- tank tops
- spaghetti strap shirts
- hats
- t-shirts with inappropriate text and/or graphics
- pajama pants
- make-up
- low cut blouses/tops
- fake nails/nail polish
- Jo Jo Bows

STUDENTS MAY WEAR ON DRESS UP:

- Dress shoes or sandals with a back
- short socks, knee socks or tights
- skirts no shorter than three inches above the knee
- skorts no shorter than three inches above the knee
- Shirt and tie
- Dress pants or khakis
- Dresses no shorter than three inches above the knee
- K-4 can wear leggings
- Grades 5-8: leggings can only be worn UNDER a dress or skirt

STUDENTS MAY NOT WEAR:

- sandals without back straps
- flip flops
- tank tops
- spaghetti strap shirts
- hats
- t-shirts with inappropriate text and/or graphics
- make-up
- low cut blouses/tops
- fake nails/nail polish
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PROCEDURE FOR OUT OF DRESS CODE:

Please see teacher responsibilities for procedure for out of dress code. When out of dress code for dress down or dress up the student will be able to call home for clothes that meet the guidelines.

**GOOD RULE: IF YOU THINK YOU SHOULDN'T WEAR IT, YOU SHOULDN'T.
ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE
DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.**

CLARIFICATIONS AND EXAMPLES FOR THE DRESS CODE POLICY:

Boys: Dress Shoes

Shoes: Solid black, dark brown or cordovan (burgundy) dress shoe or black or brown Sperry.



Unacceptable shoes: Gray or colored Sperry type shoe or moccasins.



Belt: Solid black or brown dress belt.



Unacceptable belt: Colored or designer belt with visible logo.



Socks: Solid black, brown or white mid-calf socks.



Unacceptable: Colored or low-cut ankle socks.



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Girls: Dress Shoes

Shoes: Solid black, dark brown or cordovan (burgundy) dress shoe, black and white saddle shoe, or black or brown Sperry.



Unacceptable shoes: Gray or colored Sperry type shoe or moccasins.



Belt: Solid black or brown dress belt.



Socks: Solid black, red or white ankle or knee socks or tights and flesh tone panty hose.



Unacceptable: Low cut ankle socks or multi colored socks.



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All Year Long	K-4th Grade Girls	5th- 8th Grade Girls	K- 4th Grade Boys	5th- 8th Grade Boys
Tops	White uniform blouse (short or long sleeve); white or red polo shirt (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)	White oxford blouse; white or red polo shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)	White or red polo shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)	White oxford button down shirt and tie; white or red polo shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)
Bottoms	Black uniform pants; jumper from approved uniform store (no shorter than 2" above the knee)	Black uniform pants; skirt or skort from approved uniform store (no shorter than 2" above the knee)	Black twill pants from uniform store and a solid black or brown belt.	Black twill pants from uniform store and a solid black or brown belt.
Socks	Black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered); black, white or red knee socks; black, white or red tights	Black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered); black, white or red knee socks; black, white or red tights	Solid black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered)	Solid black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered)
Shoes	Solid black or brown dress shoes or black or brown Sperry's- no heel	Solid black or brown dress shoes or black or brown Sperry's- max 1" heel	Solid brown or black dress shoes or black or brown Sperry's	Solid brown or black dress shoes or black or brown Sperry's
Optional	Red, black, or white fleece with school logo; red V-neck cardigan sweater with school logo; black vest with school logo	Red, black, or white fleece with school logo; red V-neck cardigan sweater with school logo; black vest with school logo	Red, black, or white fleece with school logo; red V-neck cardigan sweater with school logo; black vest with school logo	Red, black, or white fleece with school logo; red V-neck cardigan sweater with school logo; black vest with school logo- 8 th grade class sweatshirts

Sept- Oct. 15th; May 1- June	K-4th Grade Girls	5th- 8th Grade Girls	K- 4th Grade Boys	5th- 8th Grade Boys
Tops	White uniform blouse (short or long sleeve); white or red polo shirt (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)	White oxford blouse; white or red polo shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)	White or red polo shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)	White oxford button down shirt and tie; white or red polo shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve); white or red turtleneck (no ribbing)
Bottoms	Black uniform shorts; jumper from approved uniform store (no shorter than 2" above the knee)	Black uniform shorts; skirt or skort from approved uniform store (no shorter than 2" above the knee)	Black uniform shorts; black twill pants from uniform store and a solid black or brown belt	Black uniform shorts; black twill pants from uniform store and a solid black or brown belt
Socks	Black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered); black, white or red knee socks; black, white or red tights	Black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered); black, white or red knee socks; black, white or red tights	Solid black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered)	Solid black, white or red socks (ankle must be covered)
Shoes	Sneakers ; solid black or brown dress shoes- no heel or black or brown Sperry's	Sneakers ; solid black or brown dress shoes- max 1" heel or black or brown Sperry's	Sneakers ; solid brown or black dress shoes or black or brown Sperry	Sneakers ; solid brown or black dress shoes or black or brown Sperry's
PE UNIFORM	K-3rd Grade Girls wear to school; 4th grade will change in locker room	5th- 8th Grade Girls	K-3rd Grade Boys wear to school; 4th grade will change in locker room	5th- 8th Grade Boys
Tops	White school logo t-shirt; walkathon t-shirt; red school logo sweatshirt	White school logo t-shirt; walkathon t-shirt; red school logo sweatshirt	White school logo t-shirt; walkathon t-shirt; red school logo sweatshirt	White school logo t-shirt; walkathon t-shirt; red school logo sweatshirt
Bottoms	Red school logo shorts (Sept-Oct 15th & May-June) or red school logo sweatpants from uniform store	Red or black school logo shorts or red school logo sweatpants from uniform store	Red school logo shorts (Sept-Oct 15th & May-June) or red school logo sweatpants from uniform store	Red or black school logo shorts or red school logo sweatpants from uniform store

Shoes	Sneakers	Sneakers	Sneakers	Sneakers
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