



There is a positive relation between a neat, appropriate appearance and a good learning environment. All students are encouraged to take pride in self and in their school work. To create the optimal setting for students, the following guidelines reflect the concern of St. John's Lutheran School for student dress and they emphasize neatness, modesty, good grooming and good taste. We ask both parents and students to support the school in our attempt to create a positive learning environment.

We believe that a dress code is desirable since the dress of pupils reflects what the school represents. The intent of the dress code changes is to upgrade the look of our school and student body.

#### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- All clothing must be properly sized and worn appropriately.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts must be worn at the waist.
- Hair should be neat, groomed, and appropriate for all activities. No unnatural hair color or hairstyle is permitted (exception: spirit days).
- If a garment has loops, a brown or black belt may be worn.
- Clothing tops should display the SJLS logo. No other logos, brand names, or printing of any kind are permitted.
- SJLS logo shirts and sportswear must be ordered through the school.
- Pants and skirts may be purchased at any store.

#### **SPECIFIC STYLES/STANDARDS K-8**

- 1. Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts**
  - Solid color: navy, khaki, black, or gray.
  - No denim, corduroy, knit, gaucho, or cargo.
  - Skirts, shorts, and skorts must be longer than 4" above the knee.
  - Must have a hem (no cut-offs).
- 2. Shirts**
  - Must have SJLS logo.
  - Solid color: white, black, navy, royal, or light blue.
  - Collar polo or button-down shirts, long or short sleeves.
- 3. Long sleeve T-shirt**
  - May be worn under shirts listed above.
  - Solid color: white, black, navy, royal, or light blue.
  - No zippers, ties, snaps, or hooks.
- 4. Jumpers and Dresses**
  - Must be longer than 4" above the knee.
  - Solid color: black, navy, or khaki.
  - No logo, graphics, or writing (except SJLS logo).
  - JUMPERS. Worn over collar shirt. If jumper is removed during the day, the collar shirt must be a SJLS logo shirt.

#### **5. Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Fleece Jackets**

- Applicable to sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleece jackets worn indoors during school day.
- Must be worn over collared-shirt. If sweater, sweatshirt, or fleece jacket is removed during the day, the shirt must be a SJLS logo shirt.
- One solid color only: white, black, gray, navy, royal, or light blue.
- No logo, graphics, or writing (except SJLS logo).
- No hooded sweaters, hooded sweatshirts or hooded fleece jackets.
- Crewneck sweatshirt or sweater, V-neck sweatshirt or sweater, and cardigan sweater are acceptable attire.

#### **6. Outdoor Jackets**

- No style, color, or design restrictions; should reflect proper Christian attire
- May not be worn indoors during school day.

#### **7. Footwear**

- Must have a back or back strap
- No open-toe footwear
- No platforms
- Heels under 1-1/2"

#### **8. Tights, leggings, and knee socks**

- Solid color: white, black, gray, navy, royal, light blue, or khaki

#### **T-SHIRT TUESDAYS**

Students may wear an "official" St. John's t-shirt on Tuesdays during the school year:

- The t-shirt can be any color and must be printed with "St. John's" on the shirt (school, sports, church, VBS, or other ministry).
- If not wearing a St. John's t-shirt, then students must comply with our standard dress attire.
- Dress code bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts) apply to all students.

#### **SPIRIT DAYS**

The school or classrooms may schedule special "spirit days" during the year. On these days, students have the option of wearing the "special" dress for the day or the standard dress attire.

#### **SOME ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

Although it's impossible to detail all issues of safe and proper dress and grooming, here are a few additional guidelines:

- Outdoor clothing such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. may not be worn in the classrooms.
- Jewelry: Earrings for girls only; no dangling earrings (injury is possible during normal school activity).
- No visible body piercings are permitted (exception: earrings for girls).
- No visible tattoos are permitted.

## **DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT**

1. Parents are requested to monitor what their children wear to school and should help their children develop pride in their appearance.
  2. Enforcement of the dress code guidelines may vary as per grade level, nature of infraction, and number of occurrences. Consequences for infractions may include, but are not limited to: written notice, phone call, change of clothing, and suspension.
  3. The faculty shall assume responsibility for enforcing this policy, under the direction and guidance of the principal. Each teacher has the authority to approach any student whose dress is considered in violation of the dress code, regardless of student grade level.
  4. The school reserves the right to make final determination on the validity of student dress; the classroom teacher and/or principal may handle special circumstances on an individual basis.
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## **SUMMARY**

In our partnership between home and school, each of us has a role in complying with our dress code. Students are asked to consider their appearance before leaving for school in the morning. Parents are asked to support the school in our attempt to promote a positive and appropriate learning environment. Teachers and staff are asked to enforce the dress code guidelines consistently and fairly. The school is asked to amend the dress code as needed to reflect fashion or styles.

When the home and school work together in our dress code, we know that school time is focused more on teaching and learning, rather than dealing with the distractions and frustrations of inappropriate dress attire.