



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3: 12

The School Board and faculty believe that a dress code is desirable since the dress of pupils reflects what the school represents. Research has shown that appearance and good grooming improve a student's general behavior and study habits; there is a positive relation between a neat, appropriate appearance and a good learning environment;

Our dress code emphasis is on neatness, good grooming, and good taste. All students are encouraged to take pride in self and in their school work; students are expected to avoid extremes that attract undue attention.

As children attending a Christian Day School, the clothing worn should be in harmony with Christian teaching. "*Whatever you do, do it to the glory of God.*" The style and type of student attire should be God-pleasing. The students' personal grooming should reflect respect and care for their bodies. Modesty, neatness, appropriateness, respect and gender distinctiveness are fundamentals of our dress code no matter what the current standards and tastes of our society; this will help create a positive personal image and positive school image. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any article of clothing.

The St. John's Lutheran School dress code is established to

- teach grooming and hygiene
- instill discipline and modesty
- prevent disruptions
- avoid safety hazards
- teach respect for authority
- prepare students for the future

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.

To create the optimal setting for students, the head of school and faculty shall develop guidelines that reflect our school purpose and create a positive learning environment.



The guidelines below help define our dress code for daily operational purposes. The head of school and faculty are responsible for enforcement, review, and updating the guidelines as needed.

Dress Code Guidelines

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 reflect appropriate Christian values.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts must be worn at the waist.
- Hair should be neat, groomed, and appropriate for all activities.
- Only brown or black belts may be worn.
- Clothing should display the approved SJLS logo. No other logos, brand names, or printing of any kind are permitted.
- Outdoor clothing such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. may not be worn in the classrooms, chapel, or school rooms.

Specific Standards K-8

1. Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts
 - Solid colors: navy, khaki, black, or gray
 - No denim, corduroy, or knit
 - Uniform style skirts, shorts, and skorts must be longer than 4" above the knee.
 - All these items must have a hem (no cut-offs).
2. Shirts
 - Must have approved SJLS logo
 - Solid colors: white, black, navy, royal blue or light blue
 - Collared polo
3. Long sleeve T-shirt (worn under shirts listed above)
 - Solid colors only: white, black, navy, royal blue, light blue, or gray
 - No zippers, ties, snaps, or hooks
4. Jumpers and dresses
 - Worn over a collared-shirt.
 - Solid colors only: black, navy, khaki, or gray
 - Jumpers must be longer than 4" above the knee.
5. Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Fleece Jackets, 1/4 Zip Jackets
 - May be worn during the school day.
 - Must be worn over a collared-shirt. If a sweater, sweatshirt, or fleece jacket is removed during the day, the shirt must be a SJLS logo shirt.
 - Solid colors only: white, black, navy, royal blue, or light blue or gray.

- No hooded sweaters, sweatshirts or fleece jackets may be worn in the school
 - except 8th grade - school issued hoodies worn only by 8th graders
 - No logo, graphics, or writing (unless it is St. John's logo)
6. Footwear
 - Must have a back or back strap
 - No open-toe footwear
 - No platforms
 - Heels under 1-½"
 7. Tights, leggings, and knee-socks
 - Solid colors only: white, black, navy, royal blue, light blue, khaki, or gray

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. When students dress down during these special occasions, modesty must be taken into account.

Some Additional Guidelines

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

- We recommend, for safety's sake, that dangling earrings not be worn to school. Injury is possible during normal school activity.
- Students should keep hair neat and clean and avoid artificial hair coloring that is extravagant and distracting.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.

Dress Code Enforcement

1. Parents/ guardians 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 head of school. 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 head of school may handle special circumstances on an individual basis.