

DRESS CODE – PreK-8th Grade

RATIONALE: St. Joseph Catholic School believes that appropriate dress and grooming are marks of self-respect and one’s appreciation of the precious worth of the human individual. Dress code provides an exceptional teaching-tool for self-discipline that will be necessary throughout the duration of professional activity in a student’s life. We also believe that a student’s behavior is partly influenced by his/her manner of dress, grooming and appearance.

Male Dress Code:

Item	Guidelines
Top	<p><u>Approved Shirt Colors:</u> SJS Blue (royal blue), Gold, White, Yellow (NOT Neon), Black, Gray</p> <p><u>Approved Types of Shirts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored polo type shirts in any approved shirt color • Solid colored Oxford (western style or button-up style) shirts in any approved shirt color • Solid colored shirts/T-shirts (such as Hanes brand) in any approved shirt color • Administration approved SJS spirit shirts (Shirts must be an approved shirt color and the design ink colors on the shirt must be colors from the approved shirt color list) <p><u>General Guidelines:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All shirts (except approved spirit shirts) will be free of words and/or pictures, etc. • Logos (Polos, Under Armour, Dockers, etc) may not be any larger than 1 inch square • All shirts will have sleeves • The original construction of all shirts cannot be modified • No oversized t-shirts or shirts/blouses will be allowed • Existing spirit shirts considered appropriate include shirts with a St. Joseph School logo, Tigers, SJS or St. Joseph School on the shirt, <u>professionally</u>, as long as the basic shirt color is from the approved shirt color list and the design/ink printed on the shirt is from the approved shirt color list • *NOTE: Solid colored shirts are not required to have school-related logos printed or embroidered on them (with the exception of the gold Mass polo) • Shirts may NOT be longer than shorts • Sleeveless shirts (including sleeveless athletic shirts) are not appropriate for school wear, event practices or official school events – (this does not include sleeveless tops that are approved SJS team uniform tops) • Yoakum Bulldog shirts will not be considered acceptable • The principal will have the final say on the acceptability of the shirt • Required gold Mass polos for weekday Liturgy. These shirts will be available at the beginning of each school year. Shirts are to be tucked in for Mass on Mass days. Please contact the SJS Office for purchasing options.
Bottom	<p><u>Slacks, Jeans:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denim, Khaki, Black, Gray and Navy are acceptable slack/jean colors • Pants of any kind should not have any holes, rips, tears, etc • Pants must fit in proportion to the student’s body – the waistline of all pants should comfortably fit above the hip and should not sag • Low-rise and tight-fitting pants, including skinny jeans, are not acceptable <p><u>Shorts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black and Navy are acceptable shorts colors • Shorts must be no shorter than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap and /or longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts must fit in proportion to the student’s body – the waistline of all pants should comfortably fit above the hip and should not sag • Long, mesh-type athletic (basketball) shorts will be allowed in ONLY solid black, solid gray or solid SJS blue (royal blue) colors – AND with proper supportive under garments • Athletic pants will be allowed in ONLY solid black, solid gray or solid SJS blue colors – AND with proper supportive under garments
Footwear	<p><u>Shoes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic (tennis shoes) or shoes with backs are required • Athletic/tennis shoes are required for P.E./Athletics for the safety of the students • Students should not wear shoes with crushed heel-backs – all shoes should be worn according to the design of the shoe • Cleats, flip flops or backless shoes are not allowed
Hair	<p><u>Hair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair must be neatly groomed. • The length of boy’s hair must be such that it does not touch the eyebrows or touch the top of the ears or touch the top of the shirt collar. • Any hair color or hair style worn by a student must not be of a distractive nature. No feathered or colored extensions are allowed.
General guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASS: Shirts should be tucked in and belts should be worn at all Mass celebrations • No attire will be permitted that effects the safety of the student or causes a distraction to other students, or is considered inappropriate by school personnel • Shorts are inappropriate for liturgical and other church-related celebrations • Implied suggestive, or offensive lettering or slogans on any garment will not be tolerated, including tobacco, alcohol, drug, sexual, etc. No writing that draws attention to specific body parts will be allowed • The principal or an administrative designee will make the final determination of the appropriateness of the attire • First period teachers daily will check dress code compliance • <i>Modification of the dress code will be considered for special activities and events with the approval of the principal.</i>
Consequences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First violation: The student will be instructed not to wear the clothing again • In some instances the student will call home and the parent will be required to bring appropriate clothes to school.

Female Dress Code:

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Top	<p><u>Approved Shirt Colors:</u> SJS Blue (royal blue), Gold, White, Yellow (NOT Neon), Black, Gray</p> <p><u>Approved Types of Shirts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored polo type shirts in any approved shirt color • Solid colored Oxford (western style or button-up style) shirts in any approved shirt color • Solid colored shirts/T-shirts (such as Hanes brand) in any approved shirt color • Administration approved SJS spirit shirts (Shirts must be an approved shirt color and the design ink colors on the shirt must be colors from the approved shirt color list) <p><u>General Guidelines:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All shirts (except approved spirit shirts) will be free of words and/or pictures, etc. • Logos (Polos, Under Armour, Dockers, etc) may not be any larger than 1 inch square • All shirts will have sleeves • The original construction of all shirts cannot be modified • No oversized t-shirts or shirts/blouses will be allowed • Existing spirit shirts considered appropriate include shirts with a St. Joseph School logo, Tigers, SJS or St. Joseph School on the shirt, <u>professionally</u>, as long as the basic shirt color is from the approved shirt color list and the design/ink printed on the shirt is from the approved shirt color list • *NOTE: Solid colored shirts are not required to have school-related logos printed or embroidered on them (with the exception of the gold Mass polo) • Shirts may NOT be longer than shorts • Shirts should not have low or plunging necklines • Tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts and camisoles are not appropriate as a shirt for outerwear • Sleeveless shirts (including sleeveless athletic shirts) are not appropriate for school wear, event practices or official school events – (this does not include sleeveless tops that are approved SJS team uniform tops) • Yoakum Bulldog shirts will not be considered acceptable • The principal will have the final say on the acceptability of the shirt • Required gold Mass polos for weekday Liturgy. These shirts will be available at the beginning of each school year. Shirts are to be tucked in for Mass on Mass days. Please contact the SJS Office for purchasing options.
Bottom	<p><u>Slacks, Jeans, Capris:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black, Gray and Navy are acceptable slack/jean colors • Pants of any kind should not have any holes, rips, tears, etc. • Pants of any kind should not have frayed ends • Pants must fit in proportion to the student’s body – the waistline of all pants should comfortably fit above the hip and not sag • Athletic pants will be allowed in ONLY solid black, solid gray or solid SJS blue colors • Low-rise and tight-fitting pants are not acceptable <p><u>Skirts, Dresses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black and Navy are acceptable shorts colors • Skirts and dresses must be no more than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap and longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders • Dresses/skirts worn in grades Pre-K thru 2nd should be worn with shorts or thick tights underneath • Dresses should not have low or plunging necklines

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleeveless dresses are not appropriate for school wear or official school event. Tank top style and spaghetti strap dresses are not appropriate as a top for outerwear. All sleeveless dresses should be worn with a sweater or other appropriate outer-garment with sleeves <p><u>Shorts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black and Navy are acceptable skirt/dress colors Shorts must be no more than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap and /or longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders Shorts must fit in proportion to the student’s body – the waistline of all shorts should comfortably fit above the hip Wind shorts are not allowed for daily school wear – athletic wear for sporting practices and events will be communicated and approved separately Words are not permitted on the backside of pants or shorts. Long, mesh-type athletic (basketball) shorts will be allowed in ONLY solid black, solid gray or solid SJS blue (royal blue) colors – AND with proper, modest under garments <p><u>Tights/Leggings/Jeggings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tights, leggings and jeggings are not appropriate ALONE as outerwear and Tights, leggings and jeggings may not be worn alone with a long t-shirt Tights, leggings and jeggings can be worn under dresses or skirts – ONLY – as long as the dress or skirt meet the above-mentioned required lengths Solid colored Black, Gray or White, ONLY, are acceptable tights colors Tights, leggings and jeggings are not allowed ALONE for sporting events or practices
Footwear	<p><u>Shoes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletic (tennis shoes) or shoes with backs are required Athletic/tennis shoes are required for P.E./Athletics for the safety of the students Students should not wear shoes with crushed heel-backs – all shoes should be worn according to the design of the shoe Cleats, flip flops, backless shoes or high-heels are not allowed
Hair	<p><u>Hair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair must be neatly groomed. All hair color must be of a natural human hair color – not purple, blue, pink, green, etc. Any hair color or hair style worn by a student must not be of a distractive nature. No feathered or colored extensions are allowed.
General guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASS: Shirts should be tucked in and belts should be worn at all Mass celebrations No attire will be permitted that effects the safety of the student or causes a distraction to other students, or is considered inappropriate by school personnel Shorts or skorts are inappropriate for liturgical and other church-related celebrations Sun dresses, crop-tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, tight or revealing clothing, body suits, low-cut blouses, or bike shorts are not acceptable attire Implied suggestive, or offensive lettering or slogans on any garment will not be tolerated, including tobacco, alcohol, drug, sexual, etc. No writing that draws attention to specific body parts will be allowed The principal or an administrative designee will make the final determination of the appropriateness of the attire First period teachers daily will check dress code compliance <p><i>Modification of the dress code will be considered for special activities and events with the approval of the principal.</i></p>
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