

STUDENT DRESS FOR Young 5's to Grade 8

The purpose of a school dress is to improve the appearance, attentiveness and learning capability of the students. A student dress will instill better order among students and reduce the clique/status effects of labeled clothing. It is the sincere belief of St Paul Lutheran School that students who take care of their appearance are less likely to find themselves in behavior problems and are more likely to succeed academically.

In all matters regarding dress and appearance, the principal, representing the Board of Education, retains the right to declare dress and/or appearance unacceptable for school. Students will not be allowed to attend classes until any infraction of dress is resolved to the satisfaction of the principal. Repeated offenses may result in further consequences, including detention. The principal has the authority to designate special exceptions.

I. General Considerations

- A. No outdoor jackets or hats are to be worn in the building at any time.
- B. Fabrics such as those found in sweatpants, spandex, or fleece shall not be worn at school.
- C. No clothing will have excessive (2"x 3") trimmings, frills, pictures, designs, or words. (St. Paul insignia is allowed.)
- D. Neither make-up nor unnatural hair coloration will be allowed.
- E. All clothing is to be free of rips, tears, frays, and patches; and is to fit properly.

II. Shirts/Sweaters

- A. T-shirts are not allowed, with the following exception: Short or long sleeve t-shirts (tucked in) with a St. Paul logo may be worn on non-chapel days.
- B. All shirts (except sweaters) must have collars.
- C. Shirts/Sweaters will have a neckline no more than 2 inches below the collarbone.
- D. Shirts will be tucked in at all times and must be of sufficient length to remain tucked in.
- E. Sweaters will extend at least 3 inches below the belt line.
- F. Sweaters may be kept in lockers for when children are cold.
- G. All shirts must have sleeves (no tank tops or cropped sleeves).

III. Pants/Skirts/Dresses/Shorts

- A. Pants, skirts, dresses, capris, and shorts will be in solid colors, floral, striped, or plaid only.
- B. Pants will not flair excessively at the ankles nor will the hem touch the ground.
- C. Skirts and shorts will be no shorter than four inches above the knee when kneeling.
- D. Shorts and capris will be worn only in August, September, May, and June.
- E. Dresses must have full sleeves (no tank tops or cropped sleeves).
- F. No leggings as pants.

IV. Shoes

- A. All shoes must have backs or straps.
- B. Heels must be less than 2 inches in height
- C. Socks or nylons will be worn at all times.
- D. Wheeled shoes (such as Heelys) or crocs are not permitted.

V. Special Considerations

A. Monday Chapel—Students are encouraged to DRESS UP on Mondays as part of preparation for weekly chapel services. Dress up may include dress that is worn for Sunday church service or special occasions. The students are encouraged to stand out (in a positive way) from the normal dress code of the rest of the week. Boys, all shirts must be tucked in. Girls, tie-back style shirts do not need to be tucked in. All other shirts must be tucked in.

B. Game day for athletic teams—St. Paul has a mandatory dress code for athletes in season. On game day, athletes should stand out from the rest of the student body. Boys are to wear khaki pants, button-down dress shirt with collar or a polo shirt. Girls are to wear dress pants, khaki, skirts or dresses of appropriate length with a polo shirt or top.

C. PE Clothing – Grades 5-8 are required to have and wear PE clothing during PE class. Students must have a St. Paul t-shirt and appropriate-fitting gym shorts. As cooler weather approaches, athletic pants and St. Paul sweatshirts will be permitted during PE times.