



DRESS CODE Y5-8th Grade

The purpose of a school dress code is to improve the appearance, attentiveness, and learning capability of the students. A dress code will instill better order among students and reduce the cliquey/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 with behavioral 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 the dress code 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 hats, outdoor coats, or bulky jackets are to be worn in the building at any time.
- B. No clothing will have excessive (2"x 3") trimmings, frills, pictures, designs, or words. (St. Paul insignia is allowed.)
- C. Neither makeup nor unnatural hair coloration will be allowed.
- D. All clothing is to fit properly and be free of rips, tears, frays, and patches.
- E. Undergarments must be covered. Students should wear modesty shorts, tights, or leggings under skirts and dresses.

II. Shirts/Sweaters

- A. T-shirts/sweatshirts are not allowed, with the following exception: Short or long sleeve official St. Paul Church or School spirit wear such as t-shirts or sweatshirts may be worn on non-chapel days.
- B. All shirts (except sweaters) must have collars. Girls may wear solid or patterned uncollared shirts if worn under a jumper, dress, or cardigan.
- 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, plaid, or a repeating pattern.
- B. Pants will not flair excessively at the ankles nor will the hem touch the ground.
- C. Dresses, skirts, and shorts will be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee cap when standing (measured from the shortest length of material).
- D. Shorts and capris may be worn during the months of August, September, October, April, May, and June.
- E. Dresses must have sleeves (no tank tops or cropped sleeves).

- F. Sweatpants, athletic warm-ups (pants that have zippers or snaps at the ankle), leggings, yoga pants, lounge pants, and/or pajama pants are not to be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn under dresses and skirts.

IV. Shoes

- A. All shoes must have full backs (no straps or partial backs).
- 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) are not permitted.
- E. Clog style slip on shoes (such as Crocs and Uggs) are not permitted.

V. Special Considerations

- A. Wednesday Chapel – Students are encouraged to DRESS UP on Wednesdays as part of preparation for weekly chapel services. Dress up may include clothing that is worn for Sunday church services or special occasions. 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 days for athletic A-Teams – St. Paul has a mandatory dress code for athletes in season. On game days, all A-Team athletes should stand out from the rest of the student body. Boys are to wear khaki pants/shorts or dress pants, a button-down dress shirt with collar, or a polo shirt. Girls are to wear khaki pants or dress pants, skirts of appropriate length, with an appropriate top, or dresses.
- C. PE Clothing-Grades 5-8 are required to change into PE clothing during PE class. Students must have a St. Paul t-shirt and appropriate fitting gym shorts (see Section III.C) As cooler weather approaches, athletic pants and St. Paul sweatshirts will be permitted during PE.