

Dress Code - School and School Related Activities

Since Christian love and respect should be reflected in all that we say and do, St. Paul faculty, staff, and students are expected to dress in a God-pleasing manner. Modesty, good taste, cleanliness, and neatness must be important factors to consider when getting ready for school. Modesty and good taste refer to avoiding such things as inappropriate t-shirts, extremes in hair style, and short skirts and shorts. Cleanliness and neatness refer to general appearance and the condition of clothes which should not be worn-out, torn, or dirty.

The dress code is in effect as soon as students enter the school until their departure, or when a student is representing the school in any activity. Failure to comply with any of the items in the dress code may cause a student to call home to remedy the situation. For the sake of order, when there are differences of opinion concerning dress, the judgment of the St. Paul faculty and administration is final.

Because fashion often changes, the dress code may also change during the school year. No policy can cover every possible question about dress code, but the following sections attempt to clarify as much as possible.

Guidelines for students in Kindergarten-4th Grade:

1. Clothing, jewelry, pins, buttons, etc. with offensive slogans, pictures, or advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs or music groups are not allowed.
2. No sloppy, frayed, or torn clothing will be permitted.
3. Shorts may be worn April 1 until November 1 or any other days based upon the principal's discretion. Pants worn during any other times must extend below the knee. Shorts that have holes or frayed materials are not allowed
4. Students in grades 3-4 are not allowed to wear sleeveless shirts without a sleeved shirt under or over the sleeveless shirt.
5. Piercing jewelry may only be worn in the ears.
6. Boots are to be worn as the weather and teacher dictates.
7. Black-soled shoes which make marks are not allowed.
8. An extra pair of clean athletic shoes are required for gym use.
9. For safety reasons, all foot apparel must be firmly tied or strapped. (no clogs, backless sandals, flip-flops) Also, socks are to be worn at all times.
10. Shirts intended to be worn tucked in will be tucked in. All shirts are to be long enough to cover the midriff.
11. Dresses, skirts, and shorts should display modesty in length, and should be no shorter than 5" from the bend of the knee. If the student has difficulty finding shorts that meet this requirement, the student may choose to wear pants.

Guidelines for students in 5th-8th Grades:

Since St. Paul is a Fox Valley Association School, and since we are seeking to prepare students for high school, the dress code for St. Paul upper grades is primarily the same as that for Fox Valley Lutheran High School.

Shirts/Tops

1. Shirts and tops should be collar-bone height; the collar should go no lower than the width of two fingers below the collarbone. A shirt or top that does not meet the collarbone requirement may be worn over or under a shirt or top that does meet the requirement.
2. Shirts must have sleeves.
3. Undergarments must be covered at all times.
4. Shirts revealing bare midriffs while sitting or standing and open backs are not permitted.

Pants

1. Jeans or other pants that have holes or frayed materials are not allowed. Jeans must not be form fitting.
2. Tight/form fitting leggings, jeggings, spandex, tights, yoga pants, or similar types of clothing cannot be worn as separates without a skirt or dress covering it.
3. Pajama bottoms may not be worn.

Dresses/Skirts

1. Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 5" from the bend of the knee.
2. Dresses/skirts must have dress code length shorts underneath for physical education classes.
3. Shorts worn under dresses/skirts must be no shorter than 5" from the bend of the knee.
4. Undergarments must be covered at all times.

Shorts

1. Shorts are permitted from April 1 until November 1 or any other days based upon the principal's discretion.
2. No cut-off shorts are allowed. Shorts that have holes or frayed materials are not allowed.
3. Shorts should be no shorter than 5" from the bend of the knee. If the student has difficulty finding shorts that meet this requirement, the student may choose to wear pants.

Footwear

1. Students must wear footwear. Bare feet are not allowed. Footgear must have a strap on the back and be appropriate for activities in the parking lot and on the playground. An extra pair of clean athletic shoes are required for gym use.
2. No skate or wheeled shoes may be worn at any time.

Jewelry / Hair

1. Piercing jewelry may only be worn in the ears.
2. Neck chains, pendants, rings, and wrist bracelets may be worn as long as they do not distract from the learning environment.
3. Gauges, spiked jewelry, heavy chains, or visible tattoos are not permitted. (Students with tattoos must keep them covered during the school day.)
4. Hair should be clean and neatly trimmed. Any changes in hair color must be a natural color.
5. Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, hoods, and sunglasses are not permitted in the school building during the day.

Additional Notes

1. Clothing displaying any type of logo or slogan that endorses attitudes and actions that violate the school's Christian principles are not acceptable. These include logos and slogans referencing alcohol, drugs, bars, double meaning, vulgar language, and music (individuals, groups, concerts, album covers, etc., except those associated with St. Paul, FVLHS or WELS music programs).
2. All clothing is to be clean and washed regularly.
3. Students should be conscious of their personal body odor, follow good bathing practices, and make use of deodorant.
4. All attire should be acceptable and appropriate for physical activity (PE, recess, etc.).
5. St. Paul reserves the right to restrict political attire for good order.
6. Boots/Coats are to be worn as the weather and teacher dictates.

Consequences

A faculty or staff member may give a student a warning for the first offense with the expectation that the student will immediately make a change to follow the dress code. For the sake of order, when there are differences of opinion concerning dress, the judgment of the St. Paul faculty and administration is final. A detention will be given in all other cases, and the student will be required to make an immediate change to follow the dress code.