

St. Mark School Dress Code

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God's Word reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and should be kept clean and healthy. St. Mark students are expected to reflect a clean, healthy, neat and modest appearance. Our appearance should also give a clear witness of our faith and reflect our love for God. Dressing appropriately is a key element to maintaining a school culture that is conducive to a teaching - learning environment. The dress code guidelines as established by the School Board are to be embraced by all Christian partners (parents, students, teachers, and administrators) in order to achieve these aforementioned goals.

This dress code is to be followed for any and all school-related activities that are held during normal school hours and when involved in worship services. (Example: physical education, class trips, field trips and after school care) We strongly encourage that the dress code be used as a guideline during school related activities that fall outside the school's normal hours. Examples of such would include but not limited to sports events on or off school premises.

The following is a list of acceptable clothing choices:

SHIRTS, FLEECE, DRESSES, and SWEATSHIRTS WITHOUT COLLARS

- † Short, ¾, or long sleeved
- † Crew-necked
- † Solid colored, striped or patterned
- † Free of any letters, words, images, and logos
- † Sequined, embroidered or embellished with trim if in accordance to the rules above
- † Camisoles and tank tops will be covered
- † *St Mark Physical Education t-shirts are required for 5-8th Physical Education classes*

SHIRTS, FLEECE, and DRESSES WITH A COLLAR, TURTLE NECK, OR MOCK TURTLE NECK

- † Short, ¾, or long sleeved
- † Buttoned to the second button from the top
- † Loose-fitting

SWEATERS

- † Crew-necked, hooded, v-necked, or sweater vests
- † Buttoned to the second button from the top
- † Zipped near the top or have an acceptable shirt(see above) underneath

ST. MARK AND FVL APPAREL

- † All St. Mark and FVL shirts and sweatshirts are acceptable

PANTS

- † Jean, khaki, cargo, knit, gaucho, or capri
- † Free of rips and tears
- † Worn at modest waist height (undergarments not visible)
- † *Sweat pants, athletic pants, and fleece pants **only** during gym class*

SHORTS, SKORTS, SKIRTS, and DRESSES

- † Mid thigh or longer
- † Worn at a modest waistline (undergarments not visible)
- † *Athletic shorts **only** during gym class*

SHOES and SANDALS

- ‡ Close-toed
- ‡ Tied, strapped, or velcroed
- ‡ Non-marking
- ‡ Free of wheels and tall heels
- ‡ Tennis shoes for Physical Education (may be worn to or stored at school)

GIRL'S JEWELRY

- ‡ Simple earrings, necklaces, bracelets, or watches
- ‡ Consistent with Christian attire
- ‡ *Removed or covered for Physical Education classes*

BOY'S JEWELRY

- ‡ Necklaces, bracelets, or watches
- ‡ Consistent with Christian attire
- ‡ *Removed or covered for Physical Education classes*

MISCELLANEOUS

- ‡ Hair will be neat, clean, and a natural color
- ‡ Make up will be worn lightly
- ‡ Hats will be worn only outside

Where there are difficulties in judgment, the Board of Education has placed its confidence in the principal to make the final decision on acceptable clothing choices. In times where a violation is deemed to be more of a behavior issue, disciplinary steps will be taken as necessary.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

- 1st infraction – verbal warning, teacher calls parents, violation recorded, note sent home for parent signature. Student will be issued an appropriate shirt for the remainder of the day.
- 2nd infraction – teacher calls parents, parents must bring appropriate attire, student will be issued an appropriate shirt until parents arrive, violation recorded, note sent home for parent signature and principal notified.
- 3rd infraction – principal notifies parents, parents must bring appropriate attire before the student is allowed back in the classroom, violation recorded, note sent home for parent signature
- 4th infraction – student receives a one-day suspension, parents meet with the principal and school board to discuss continued enrollment