

ST. PAUL PARISH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Philosophy

St. Paul Parish School's dress code is an extension of the mission of the school. It is driven by the belief that appropriate attire facilitates the school's educational mission and displays an image of personal pride. School attire should be clean, neat, and modest at all times. The St. Paul Parish School Advisory Council and St. Paul Parish School Staff expect active and positive parental support. The principal is given discretion for interpreting dress code policy.

School attire should be clean, neat, and modest at all times.

Acceptable Tops – All acceptable tops must have sleeves and be **solid, striped, or plaid**

- Collared Shirts
- Turtleneck Shirts
- Crew neck & V-neck sweaters – Must be worn with collared or turtleneck shirts underneath and visible
- Blouses

****All tops must be long enough to prevent exposure of skin and/or undergarments.**

Sweatshirts & Jackets

- Solid color without printing
- Zip, hooded, and/or crew made of sweatshirt material with a collared shirt underneath
- St. Paul Parish School logo
- St. Paul Parish School sponsored clubs and middle school athletic programs
- Marist High School

****All jackets and sweatshirts will be permissible on the playground and for activities outside the building. Once inside the building, only sweatshirts and jackets that meet the criteria listed above will be permissible.**

Acceptable Pants –

- Jeans
- Khaki pants & dress pants
- Capris
- Waistlines of all pants or shorts are expected to be worn above hip level with all undergarments completely covered
- Pants may not be oversized
- Walking shorts which are at or above the kneecap, below mid-thigh, and hemmed

****Gym/athletic shorts (including lycra, spandex, or sweat material), cutoffs, sweatsuits, camouflaged, fatigues, overalls, and clothing that is dirty or with tears and holes are not considered appropriate school attire.**

Dresses and Skirts –

- May not be more than 3 inches above the kneecap
- Dresses do not require collars
- Tights, stockings, nylons and leggings are allowed to be worn with dresses and skirts

Hairstyles –

- Student hairstyles should be neat and clean
- Extreme variations are unacceptable
- Only the hair color which grows naturally from the head will be permitted
- Heads should remain uncovered inside the school buildings
- Boys: The length of hair may not fall below a standard shirt collar. The front of the hair may not fall below the eyebrows.

Shoes –

- Safety concerns require closed-toe, closed-heel shoes or sneakers at all times, including Mass days

Earrings & Tattoos –

- The wearing of earrings is permitted for girls only and is limited to one stud-style earring per earlobe
- Visible tattoos are unacceptable.

Mass Dress –

It is customary to show increased attention to student dress on special occasions, such as liturgies or prayer services. Jeans and shorts are not appropriate for these occasions. Parental support in developing a respect for these events is appreciated and expected.

Students in violation of the dress code shall be given a verbal warning and may be provided with an appropriate change of clothes. In the event of a second violation, the student's parent/guardian will be notified.