

# 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. 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.**

**Logos that are less than a 2"x 2" in size will be allowed on clothing.**

**Acceptable Tops** – All acceptable tops must have sleeves and be **solid, striped, or plaid**- no prints of any type (ie. camouflage, polka-dots, etc.)

- Collared Shirts
- Turtleneck Shirts
- Crew neck & V-neck sweaters – Must be worn with collared or turtleneck shirts underneath and visible
- All tops must prevent exposure of undergarments and have modest necklines

### **Sweatshirts and 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 logo

**\*\*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

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, yoga pants, 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, but must have a cap sleeve or longer sleeve – no spaghetti straps or sleeveless dresses (unless a collared shirt is worn underneath the dress)
- Dresses may be made of various prints (i.e. floral, polka dots, etc...)
- 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 Masses and prayer services. Students should wear dress-up attire, such as skirts and dresses for girls, slacks and dress shirts for boys. Jeans and shorts are not appropriate for these occasions.

### **Relaxed Dress Days–**

All expectations are the same as Dress Code with the following clarifications for Relaxed Dress:

- Approved: Non-collared shirts with sleeves; sweatshirts and jackets with school-appropriate messages and logos
- Approved: Loose fitting sweats; athletic shorts of modest length (mid thigh to knee cap); running shorts must be worn with tights; yoga pants/leggings may only be worn with shorts
- No pajamas