

XAVIER DRESS CODE 2019-2020

Xavier High School, as a private educational institution, reserves the right to determine and insist upon a norm of appearance for its students. The goal of the dress code is to promote the virtues of modesty and self-respect, as well as to create an atmosphere that is appropriate to the serious task of educating young people. Students are expected to dress in a manner that indicates they understand the difference between being dressed for a day at school or being dressed for a recreational/social activity outside of school time.

If a dress code violation cannot be immediately corrected, the parents will be notified and the student will either be sent home to change or will wait in the office for appropriate clothing to be delivered. The student will serve detentions for any time missed.

The following guidelines do not cover every possible situation. Questionable attire will be referred to an administrator for arbitration. Since styles of clothing and hair change rapidly, the administration reserves the right to restrict fashions that are inappropriate as well as interpret what is considered to be in poor taste or distracting to the learning environment.

General guidelines:

SHIRTS: Crew neck shirts are **REQUIRED** at all times to ensure modest necklines. Button down shirts and any other collared shirts, and V-neck shirts are allowed but must be worn with a plain or Xavier crew neck shirt underneath. Only the top two buttons on a shirt may be unbuttoned. A professionally printed Xavier t-shirt or a plain dress crew neck t-shirt is allowed except for t-shirts that are solid white when worn alone. On game/event/performance days, team/club/group members may wear administrator-approved shirts. Round neck shirts do **NOT** qualify as crew neck shirts.

TOPS: Sweaters (including cardigans), fleece, blazers, and suit/sport coats are allowed provided a crew neck shirt is worn also. All sweatshirts, including hoodies, **MUST** be a Xavier sweatshirt. Outerwear is not allowed to be worn during the school day.

PANTS: All students will wear solid color or patterned dress pants, worn at the waist, with a finished/hemmed bottom that is worn below the ankle. The following colors are acceptable: khaki, brown, olive, gray, navy, and black. **ALL** pants **MUST** have zippers at the waist. Pants not allowed include: elastic/stretch/tight-fitting leggings, sweatpants, denim, flannel, or pajama pants.

FOOTWEAR: Footwear that covers the toes must be worn at all times. Per diocesan guidelines, sandals may not be worn.

HAIR: Hair must be clean, neatly combed, out of the eyes, and of reasonable style and natural shade. Males' hair must be no longer than mid-ear at the sides and above the collar in the back. Sideburns must not be below the bottom of the ear. Males may **NOT** wear headbands. Males must be clean-shaven.

JEWELRY: Body piercing is not allowed. Ears may be pierced. Males may wear one earring in each ear. Nose piercings are allowed, but the piercing must be a small stud. No hoops or other objects are allowed. Extreme piercings may be subject to removal per administrative request.

MASS DAYS: On Mass days, all students are asked to dress in a way that does honor to the Eucharist. For young men, shirts and ties are recommended. For young women, skirts or dresses (length to near the knee) are recommended. No t-shirts or sweatshirts are allowed on Mass days.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS: Occasionally there may be out of uniform days. Expectations on those days still include a tidy, modest appearance. Appropriate shirts with sleeves must be worn. Pajamas, sweats, and athletic shorts are not permitted.

BANNED: Visible tattoos, torn/frayed clothing, outerwear, hats, caps, bandanas, head scarves. Clothing with inappropriate messages that include words or symbols about alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or sex as well as any other messages that are not in agreement with Catholic teachings are not permitted at school or any school-sponsored event.