

The Dress Code for Middle School 2024-2025

The Middle School dress code is designed to allow clothing that is comfortable but appropriate for an academic environment. We expect the Dress Code to be followed; not doing so will result in consequences. We also expect parents to respect and reinforce our dress code. That being said, we do not believe in enforcement of the dress code standing in the way of building relationships with students.

If you are not sure whether something meets the dress code, do not wear it!

All clothing should be neat and clean. Clothing should be free of holes, paint spots, frayed edges, and should fit well.

Everyday Wear

- *Pants:* Dress slacks, khakis, chinos, or dress corduroys cuffed or hemmed. **Pants must be navy or khaki in color.** A belt is required.
- *Shorts:* Students are permitted to wear chino, golf, or khaki shorts during the months of August, September, May, and June. **Shorts must be navy or khaki in color.** Cargo and athletic shorts are not permitted.
- *Shirts:* A navy blue, white, or grey polo shirt or a button-down shirt with a tie. Students may wear plain (white, navy, or gray) long-sleeved t-shirts under polos during cold weather. Turtlenecks are not permitted. All shirts must be tucked in so the belt is visible.
- *Outwear:* Students are permitted to wear a St. Paul's hooded sweatshirt, ¾ zip fleece, sweater, sport coats, blazers, sweaters, sleeveless vest, and fleeces. Non-St. Paul's sweatshirts are not permitted.
- *Shoes:* Students may wear athletic shoes, running shoes, cross-trainers, or other athletic shoes. These are to be in good repair, tied, and clean. Brown, black, or cordovan leather dress shoes, including loafers, tie shoes, docksiders, are permitted. Laces must be tied when they are present. Crocs, sandals, and other non-tying shoes are not permitted under any circumstances.
- *Socks:* Socks are required.
- *Hair:* Hair must be neat and clean. The length and color of one's hair should not be a distraction to the student, to his peers, or impede his academic focus in any way. The administration will talk to any students with questionable hair styles.

Athletic wear is allowed only for PE (uniform), dress down days, or special activities as decided upon by the School. Sweatpants/shorts, or other short shorts, mesh shorts, or exercise suits are not everyday wear.

The following items are not permitted:

- Clothes with indecent humor or distracting slogans or images
- Clothing or articles that are torn, ragged, or soiled, including ripped jeans or cutoffs
- Pants that reveal undergarments or sag excessively
- Athletic shorts
- Blue jeans, cargo pants, jean-style corduroys, sweatpants or shorts
- Flannel or Hawaiian shirts
- Sandals, slippers, backless shoes, clogs, flip flops, Croc-style shoes, open-toed shoes
- Hats or caps may be worn outdoors, not indoors
- T-shirts are not allowed, even under a sweater or sweatshirt, however they are allowed under a polo or button-down shirt
- Any other apparel that the Assistant Head deems to be inappropriate or distracting to the learning environment

Inappropriate attire will result in a warning, a demerit, a GO slip, a request to change, or wearing school-provided clothes. Multiple dress code violations warrant more serious action, such as lunch detentions, or parent contact.

Special Events

“Dress Down Days” and “Blue/Gold Days” will occur throughout the year for various student organizations and spirit days. The type of dress appropriate for each dress down day will be communicated prior to the event in the weekly email.

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On certain days of the year (e.g., Lessons and Carols), the students will be asked to dress up for the occasion. The dress code on such occasions is a dress shirt, tie, and blazer. Students will be allowed to wear athletic shoes.