STUDENT APPEARANCE

A. STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE CODE

The St. Martin Parish School Board has a responsibility to establish a dress and appearance policy that balances the rights of its students for freedom of expression and individuality against its duty and responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment on campus and to foster the values of the communities served by the public schools.

Students will wear clothing and optional accessories that do not detract from the learning process. To ensure an atmosphere of order, discipline, and safety, which are prerequisites to providing education, students will be required to follow the guidelines below at school, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored activity or field trip:

1. All students enrolled in St. Martin Parish shall wear school IDs.
2. If earrings (including "body piercing" jewelry) are allowed by individual school policy, they can only be worn on the ear.
3. Heavy chains hanging from belt loops or pockets and other type items are prohibited.
4. Hair curlers and rakes of any kind are prohibited.
5. Sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are prohibited. A principal or designee may request a statement from the physician.
6. Book bags, Knapp sacks, or other bags used to carry student books and accessories must be mesh or see-through.
7. Gang-related jewelry, insignias, colors, paraphernalia, and materials are prohibited. Such may vary school to school and may change year to year.
8. Make-up, hair designs, and hair colors which cause undue attention, distracting from the educational environment as determined by the principal, are not allowed.
9. Excessive jewelry or clothing that is considered a distraction or a danger by the administrator is prohibited. (ex. Black trench coats, large dangling or hoop earrings**,** oversized purses etc.).
10. Body art/tattoos which cause undue attention, distracting from the educational environment as determined by the principal must be covered.

Individual school administrators have the right to implement a more restrictive student dress and appearance code policy. Any student who violates the Student Dress and Appearance Policy will be subject to the following consequences:

(See Discipline Portion of Handbook)

ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH UNIFORM CODE (***The principal has the right to be more stringent with the following policy.)***

Appropriate Parish approved Uniform Allowed (Grades Pre-K through 8):

Shirt: Solid color: Red or white
Polo (golf)
Short or long sleeves
Two or three buttons at the top front and collar No emblems, insignias, or monograms Designated school PBIS uniform shirt

Jumpers: Allowed grades Pre-K - Grade 6
Uniform Navy Blue
Uniform shirts must be worn under jumpers
Styles must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) Set in-side pockets, no patch pockets
Hems no more than 2" above knees when student is kneeling
Navy blue shorts must be worn under jumper

Skirts: Solid color: Navy blue
Style must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material)
Hems no more than 2 inches above the knee when student is kneeling Must be worn at waistline

Skorts: Allowed in Grades Pre-K - Grade 6
Solid color: Navy blue
Style must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material)
Hems no more than 2 inches above the knee when student is kneeling Must be worn at waistline

Shorts: Allowed in Grades Pre-K – Grade 5th
Solid color: Navy blue
Style must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) Set in-side pockets, no patch pockets
Hems no more than 2 inches above the knee when student is kneeling No pockets on pant legs
Can be pleated or flat front
Must have front waistband and belt loops Elastic allowed on back and sides
Must be worn at the waistline
(Pre-K & Kindergarten students may wear pull-on shorts)

Slacks: Solid color: navy blue
Style must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) Set in-side pockets, no patch pockets
No elastic or gathered at the ankles (joggers)
Must be hemmed and length not to exceed top of shoe No pockets on lower legs
Can be pleated or flat front
Must have front waistband and belt loops Elastic allowed on back and sides
Must be worn at waistline
(Pre-K & Kindergarten students may wear pull-on pants)
Cropped, stirrup, parachute, wind, stretch/warm-up, and jean-style pants not allowed

Belts: Mandatory when wearing slacks, shorts, or skirts (with belt loops)
Belt buckles must be plain. Large or oversized belt buckles are not allowed Emblems, insignias, or initials are also prohibited
Belts must be the appropriate length for waist size

Socks/Tights: Mandatory wear (No random color knee high socks or random color tights)
Tights/Knee high socks must be blue or white with no graphics, etc.

Shoes: No sandals, boots, moccasins, crocs, slippers, or heels above one inch
Closed toe and close heel shoes (no Yeezy foam runner style shoes)
If tie shoes, shoes should be properly tied

No rollerblade, lighted or any extraordinary features

Sweatshirts/Sweaters: NO HOODS Solid Color: black, navy, white, red, gray, green (Cecilia), maroon (Breaux Bridge), purple (St. Martinville) Pullover, no hood (v-neck, crew) may be worn over polo shirts. No pictures or writing on clothing**.** School spirit sweatshirts may be worn.

T-Shirts/Undershirts, Turtlenecks/Mock Turtlenecks:

Solid color: navy, red, or white

No designs, emblems, insignias, or monograms Can only be worn under polo shirts.

Hats/Caps: No caps, "do rags", sweatbands, sport bands, bandanas, hairnets, wrap caps, or scarfs are allowed on buses, playgrounds, or inside buildings.

Winter knit pullover hats shall be allowed on buses and outdoors during cold weather.

Spirit Shirts: A school approved spirit shirt may be worn on the pre-designated days, not to exceed one day a week. No jeans allowed.

Coats & Jackets : **PRE-K thru 5th Grade** Coats and jackets of any color (zip or pull-over) are acceptable. Hoods may not be worn in the building. No long, below the knee dusters or trench coats allowed.

Coats & Jackets: 6 – 8 NO HOODS Solid color: black, navy, gray, white and the following additional colors: Maroon (BB Area), Purple/Green (Jr. High) (St. Martinville Area), Green (Cecilia Area), Parks (Green)

School issued jackets are permissible (letter jacket, A-team, band, etc.) Coats, jackets, and sweaters (open front, button, and zip) are allowed in the building. Hoods may not be worn in the building. No long, below the knee dusters or trench coats allowed.

General Information:

The uniforms will be classic-traditional style. No baggy or oversized clothes will be allowed. All clothing worn must be appropriate size, not oversized or too tight. Shorts and slacks must fit at the waist and the crotch (within one size of student's actual waist and in-seam measurement). All clothing must be hemmed (not frayed or slit at the seams or stapled or taped at the hem) and may not have any holes or tears. Pants or skirts which are too tight, revealing, or which allow underclothing to show are not allowed**.** Shirts must be worn tucked into slacks, shorts or skirts so that the waist is visible. Sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets worn in cold weather do not have to be tucked in. Belts must be kept in the belt loops. Girls may wear shorts under their skirts or jumpers as long as the shorts are not visible. Socks or tights must be worn.

Pre-Designated Days/Spirit Days:

The principal may allow on the pre-designated days for students on an approved list to wear "A" Team t-shirts, 4-H shirts, spirit shirts or their Boy/Girl Scout sashes. All other school uniform clothing must be worn on pre-designated days. This is also true for field trips.

All faculty, staff and students will be allowed to wear jeans (school appropriate) with a school approved spirit shirt on the following designated days. August 18 and 25, September 15 and 29, October 13 and 27, November 3 and 17, December 8 and 22, January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, March 8 and 28, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 23.

Incentive Days:

Principals may allow for special dress days, including jeans, for school incentives. (ex. Perfect attendance, Honor roll, Student of the month, positive behavior support)