

St. Michael's Episcopal Day School Uniform and Dress Code 2025-2026

St. Michael's believes that cleanliness and neatness in personal appearance are key elements to an effective dress code and are vital to a student's preparation to learn. The purpose of a dress code is:

- To ensure an effective education environment, focused primarily on learning.
- To maintain favorable school representation and promote a positive, dignified image to the greater community.
- To assist students in developing pride, unity, and self-respect.
- To promote fairness, consistency, and social equality.

Attending St. Michael's Episcopal Day School is a choice and a privilege. The school expects its students to adhere to its dress code and encourages parents to support this expectation. Final determination for any personal appearance issues in terms of what constitutes appropriate, inappropriate, and in good taste will be at the discretion of the Head of School and Assistant Head of School.

The school uniform is worn by all students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Clean, neat, and well-fitting appropriate clothes are worn by the children in the Early Childhood Education program.

Students are to be in the correct uniform at all times.

- The uniform must always be neat and clean and fit properly.
- Uniform jumpers, skirts, and shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Shirts and blouses are to be neatly tucked in at all times.
- Hair must be clean and combed, and fingernails should be trimmed. Nail polish, makeup, necklaces, anklets, rings, bracelets, and loop or dangling earrings may not be worn at any time. Exceptions: one "cause" bracelet may be worn on one wrist. Earrings should be limited to studs for safety reasons (not snagging in PE and recess activities).
- Hair that is dyed or highlighted is only permitted in natural colors. Hair may not fall over a student's eyes.
- Comfortable shoes, appropriate for P.E., are to be worn at all times. Shoelaces must be tied at all times. Sandals, boots (including rain boots), or hiking shoes are not to be worn. Socks must be plain white, navy, or Dragon Gear.

Accessories, including hair ribbons and scrunchies, must be school colors (white or navy blue). Hats may be worn outdoors only for sun protection. Students may wear simple watches or Fitbits. Smartwatches are not allowed.

Free Dress Days

On free dress days, students must appear neat and clean. Free dress is not considered just any dress! The same uniform rules for shoes and accessories apply to free dress days.

Shirts/Tops - All shirts must fit properly. Spaghetti straps, halter tops, cropped tops, sheer tops, and plunging necklines and backlines are not acceptable. T-shirts may not have inappropriate sayings (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or suggestive).

Pants/Bottoms - All pants must fit properly and not be excessively baggy or tight-fitting. Yoga pants and leggings are not allowed unless worn under shorts, skirts, or dresses. Skirts, dresses, and shorts may not be shorter than mid-thigh length (approximately fingertip length when shoulders and arms are relaxed). Pajama bottoms are not acceptable. Jeans may not have holes, rips, or tears.

Hats - Hats are not permitted on free dress days unless it is a themed free dress day and the hat is part of the outfit or costume.

Violation of the uniform and dress code may result in the student being sent home. A change of clothing will be required to remain at school.