Standardized Elementary (Grades Pre-K – 8)
Dress Code

PANTS, CAPRI PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS

Shall be khaki. (No glitter, shimmer or other color distraction is permitted.)

- May be pleated or not pleated; cuffed or not cuffed; may not have labels.
- Shall be appropriately sized with a regular fitting crotch: not tight fitting; not loose fitting.
- Bottoms must fit at the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed at or below the ankle and no wider than shoe length, but not dragging the ground. "Slicing or ragging" is not allowed.
- No leather/suede/vinyl/denim/jean fabrics. May not include rivets. Cargo pants, low riders, corduroy, ribbed fabric, and hip huggers are not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be clearly no more than 3 inches above the kneecap on any side/back/front.
- No stretch pants, sweatpants, jogging pants, wind suits, warm-ups, overalls or coveralls are allowed.
- Bottoms may not be worn in any way that creates a distraction.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES/DRESSES

Shall be navy oxford, knit, or broadcloth with a collar; no labels.

- "Polo style" shirt/dresses must have two, three or four buttons (no snap-up or zippers), with long or short sleeves (no sleeveless or cap-sleeves).
- Shall be solid navy in color.
- Turtlenecks must be solid navy or white without monograms/name brands/logos and may be worn under a uniform shirt/jumper but may not be worn alone. Turtlenecks may only be worn under the uniform shirt.
- Shall be appropriately sized; may not be tight fitting. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in at all times and appropriately buttoned above the chest area at all times.
- If a t-shirt is worn underneath the uniform shirt/blouse/dress, it must be solid white, navy, black, or an approved school color.
- Students may add only the approved school logo to their navy shirt/blouse/dress. Logos can be stitched/printed on the left front, upper chest area of the shirt/blouse/dress.
- Shirts/blouses/dresses may not be worn in any way that creates a distraction. Dresses must be clearly no more than 3 inches above the kneecap on any side/back/front.

SWEATSHIRTS/SWEATERS/JACKETS (IN INSTRUCTIONAL SETTINGS)

Shall be solid navy or shall be the designated school sweatshirt.

- If worn, the uniform shirt collar must be visible under the sweatshirt.
- May not contain personal or brand name monograms/logos.
- Must be solid navy and may include the approved school logo or may be a school approved sweatshirt.
- Sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets of any kind may not be worn tied around the waist.
- Sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets of any kind may not be worn in any way that creates a distraction.
- Hooded sweatshirts can only be worn at the discretion of each school's administration.

JACKETS/COATS – OUTDOORS

May be any color except jean and camouflage.

- Jean and camouflage jackets/coats are not allowed.
- Full-length jacket/coats commonly referred to as "trench" coats or dusters are not allowed.
- Jackets and coats of any kind may not be worn tied around the waist.
- Jackets and coats of any kind may not be worn in any way that creates a distraction.

SHOES AND SOCKS

Shall be closed in shoes; socks and/or leggings shall be white, solid black, solid khaki or solid navy.

- Closed in shoes (front and back) i.e. tennis shoes, tied shoes or loafer type shoes are acceptable. Shoes that require laces or Velcro must be securely fastened. Shoes must be worn appropriately.

- Shoes with wheels, noisemakers, lights or hanging tags are not allowed. Slippers, sandals, thongs, or flip-flops are not allowed.

HAIR

Must be neat, clean and well groomed.

- Head coverings, skullcaps, hats, hoods, kerchiefs, sweatbands and any other headgear are not allowed. Long-handled combs are prohibited.
- Extreme hairstyles that detract from the educational setting are not allowed. Hair may not be dyed colors other than natural hair colors. (i.e. No blue, green, pink, etc.).

NOTE: The School Board shall not exclude a student on account of a natural, protective or cultural hairstyle. Natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle shall include, but is not limited to, afros, dreadlocks, twists, locs, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls, and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

JEWELRY/BELTS/ACCESSORIES

- Accessories with inappropriate decorations or advertisements are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, any item that depicts the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or ethnic bias.
- Necklaces and bracelets of any type may not be worn.
- Glitter, tattoos and writing/drawing on the face and other visible body parts are not allowed.
- No more than one stud type earring may be worn in each earlobe. Dangling earrings, nose rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, tongue piercing rings, studs or any other visible body piercing are not allowed.
- No ornamental or oversized belt buckles are allowed. Belts may not have studs, cutouts, metal or other decorations or writings that can be deemed inappropriate.
- Only one wristwatch may be worn on either wrist if it does not violate any of the Uniform Policies regarding inappropriateness or distractions.
- Belts must be solid brown, black or navy and they must be worn on any pants/shorts/skirts/skorts that have belt loops.
- Belts must be worn appropriately and may not be more than one size larger than the waist.
- Purses are not allowed in Grades Pre-K – 3.
- Rolling book sacks (book sacks with wheels) are not allowed in Grades Pre-K. – 2, even if the student carries them.
- **Students at all grade levels will be required to use fully transparent backpacks.** Colored, tinted, iridescent, or patterned backpacks, as well as backpacks with logos, patches, decals, or stickers that obstruct the visibility of the contents, will not be permitted. **At the middle school level, mesh backpacks will also be allowed.** Band instrument cases and non-transparent, sport-specific athletic bags will still be permitted, but they will be subject to daily inspection.
- Only clear plastic water bottles will be allowed on school campuses.
- **Failure to comply with the clear bag or clear water bottle policies may result in discipline consequences.**

MISCELLANEOUS

New students enrolling in an Ascension Parish Public School, Grades Pre-K-8 will be provided a grace period of no more than seven (7) calendar days to comply with this dress code.

CASUAL DAYS

Each school shall be permitted a total of four (4) casual dress days per school year. The principal shall determine the dates for casual dress days. In addition to the 4 designated days allowed each school year, principals are allowed to award additional days for various reasons to include, but not limited to: participation in charitable donations, rewards for various reasons, incentives to encourage good academics, attendance and behaviors; celebration of special events on campus, etc.