# Appendix B : Dress Code

## Academy of St. Joseph Dress Code

AOSJ students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to an educational environment and conducive to full participation in school activities. The faculty and administration reserve the right to determine whether attire meets the expectations of the dress code.

When a student arrives in clothing that does not meet these expectations, the school will first provide an appropriate uniform item when possible. If appropriate clothing is unavailable or a student refuses to change, a parent or guardian may be asked to bring appropriate clothing or pick up the student.

## General Dress Expectations

These expectations apply on both uniform and dress-down days:

- Clothing must provide appropriate coverage. Tops must cover the midriff, and skirts, dresses, and shorts must extend at least to the mid-thigh.
- Leggings may only be worn underneath skirts or dresses.
- Shoes must be safe and appropriate for school (no shoes with lights, wheels, or excessive adornments are permitted). Sneakers are required for PE.
- Hats, caps, hoods, and sunglasses may not be worn indoors except for religious or medical reasons.
- Clothing, jewelry, and accessories may not create a safety hazard.
- Jewelry must be modest and safe for all school activities. AOSJ is not responsible for lost or damaged jewelry. Studs or small hoop earrings are permitted.
- Makeup is not permitted in Grades PK–4. Students in Grades 5–8 may wear discreet, age-appropriate makeup. Makeup and fragrances may not be applied at school.
- Writing, drawing, or temporary tattoos on the body are not permitted except for religious or medical reasons.

**Formal Uniform Days**
The full formal/winter uniform is required:

- every Monday;
- on all Mass days, regardless of season; and
- on other designated formal occasions.

Students in Grades 1–8 must own an AOSJ blazer and wear it on formal uniform days. Gentlemen in Grades 5–8 must also wear the AOSJ plaid tie. Ladies must wear their grade-appropriate plaid jumper, skort, or skirt on formal days.

**Regular Uniform Days**
On non-formal, non-PE days, students wear the regular uniform.

**Summer Dress**
Summer dress is optional from the beginning of school through Fall Break and from the return from Spring Break through the end of the school year. Summer dress is never worn on a formal uniform day.

Ladies
- AOSJ white polo with khaki shorts; or AOSJ blue polo dress
- White or navy socks

Gentlemen
- AOSJ white polo
- Khaki shorts
- White or navy socks

Summer dress may not be worn on Mass days, or other designated formal occasions.

**Formal/Winter Uniform**

## Ladies

(All uniform garments must be AOSJ-approved and AOSJ-branded excluding light blue dress shirts and girls' shirts worn under jumpers.)

| Grade | Top | Bottom |
|---|---|---|
| PK-2 | AOSJ polo | Plaid jumper or navy chinos* |
| 3-4 | AOSJ polo | Plaid skort or navy chinos* |
| 5-8 | Light blue dress shirt | Plaid skirt or navy chinos* |

*Navy chinos may be worn only on non-formal uniform days. The plaid garment is required on formal days.

**All:** white socks or navy tights.
**Grades 1–8:** AOSJ blue blazer required on formal days.
**PK–K:** blazer optional.

## Gentlemen

(All uniform garments must be AOSJ-approved and AOSJ-branded excluding light blue dress shirts)

| Grade | Top | Bottom |
|---|---|---|
| PK-4 | AOSJ polo | Khaki pants |
| 5-8 | Light blue dress shirt and tie | Khaki pants |

**All:** white or navy socks.

**PK–K:** blazer optional.

**Grades 1-8:** AOSJ plaid tie required on formal days.

**All students in Grades PK–8 wear the AOSJ PE uniform on their scheduled PE days:**

- AOSJ white PE T-shirt
- AOSJ red athletic shorts
- White or navy socks
- Sneakers

In colder weather, the AOSJ navy tracksuit may be worn.

**Dress-Down Days**

Dress-down days provide students with greater flexibility while maintaining standards appropriate to school.

- Jeans, chinos, appropriate pants, skirts, dresses, and shorts are permitted. Jeans must be free of holes, rips, or excessive distressing.
- Leggings, sweatpants, pajama pants, athletic pants, and similarly casual bottoms may not be worn as stand-alone bottoms. Leggings may only be worn under skirts or dresses.
- Clothing must provide appropriate coverage and may not be sheer or mesh.
- Clothing and accessories may not contain profanity, inappropriate content, references to drugs or alcohol, violence, or messages inconsistent with the mission and values of AOSJ.
- All other general dress expectations remain in effect.