

2010-2011 STUDENT DRESS CODE

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR GRADES 1- 8

Students are expected to arrive at school cleanly and neatly dressed in clothes that, for whatever reason, do not create a distraction. When a student's clothing or appearance becomes a distraction, the dress code is not being followed.

Other general do's and don'ts:

- Torn, soiled, or ill-fitting clothes are not acceptable.
- Hats, headscarves, and outerwear (with the exception of fleece vests and single-layer pullovers) may only be worn outside.
- Text, logos, and images (other than specifically for St. Michael's) more than one inch high are not allowed on any article of clothing.
- A "tattered" hemline or distressed fabric look is not allowed.

DAILY DRESS CODE FOR GRADES 1 & 2

Shirts, sweaters and blazers

- Any shirt with sleeves is permitted as long as it contains no text, logos or graphics larger than 1 inch square. Plaid, striped, solid or patterned shirts are acceptable.
- Shirts must be fully buttoned except for the top two buttons.

Pants and Shorts

- Pants must be chino-style (uniform, flat front) with no more than four interior pockets located at the waist.
- Sweat pants or pants with elastic around the ankles are not allowed.
- No blue jeans.

Skirts and dresses

- Dresses must have sleeves.
- No overly short skirts or dresses that show undergarments.
- Denim skirts and jumpers are allowed.

Shoes

- Students may wear any shoe or boot with a closed toe.
- Socks are required with sneakers.
- Shoes must be in good repair and fastened or tied.
- Flats or heels of one inch or lower are recommended.

WARM WEATHER DRESS FOR GRADES 1 & 2

Warm Weather Dress is allowed between the opening of school and October 1, and from May 1 to the end of the school year.

At this time students in grades 1 and 2 may wear:

- Sleeveless shirts and dresses.
- Any twill or cotton shorts.
- Open-toed, sturdy sandals with a strap on the back (Such as Teva, Merrill, Keen). Flip-flops are not permitted.

SPECIAL EVENT DRESS FOR GRADES 1 & 2

The spirit of Special Event Dress is to dress in a respectful and "professional" manner. Special Events include Grandparents Day, the Holiday Assembly, Graduation and other specified days.

BOYS

- Blazers are encouraged but not required.
- Dress shirt required; ties are optional.
- Solid-color pants with no exterior pockets (boys in grades 1 & 2 may wear *dress* shorts, weather permitting, for Graduation).
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- If pants have belt loops, belts must be worn.
- Any shoe or boot is allowed (preferably leather), except sneakers.

GIRLS

- Any appropriate Dress Code skirt or dress.
- Dresses with spaghetti straps may not be worn.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Appropriate dress slacks may be worn.
- If skirts have belt loops, belts must be worn.
- Any shoe or boot is allowed (preferably leather), except sneakers.

DAILY DRESS CODE FOR GRADES 3 - 8

Shirts and sweaters

- Any collared shirt or turtleneck is permitted—solid, striped, plaid or print.
- All shirts must be fully buttoned except for the top two buttons.
- T-shirts alone are not allowed. Tees worn beneath a collared shirt should not hang below the hem. They must be tucked in.
- Midriffs and undergarments may not be exposed.
- Sweaters or sleeveless vests must be worn with a dress code shirt underneath.
- St. Michael's sweatshirts may be worn.

Pants and shorts

- Pants may be worn with or without a belt.
- Pants must be chino-style (uniform, flat front) with no more than four interior pockets located at the waist.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants, even with an oversized shirt. Leggings can only be worn under a dress code-appropriate skirt.
- No denim pants, and no yoga pants, knitwear, or tight-fitting pants.
- Shorts may only be worn during Warm Weather Dress (see below).

Skirts and dresses

- Skirts and dresses can be no shorter than five inches above the top of the knee.
- From October 1 - May 1, dresses must have sleeves.
- No Lycra or Spandex skirts or dresses, or overly short skirts or dresses that show undergarments.

Shoes

- Students may wear any shoe or boot with a closed toe. Socks are required with sneakers.
- Shoes must be in good repair and fastened.
- Flats or heels of one inch or lower are highly recommended
- Open-toe shoes without a strap on the back are not allowed.

WARM WEATHER DRESS FOR GRADES 3 - 8

Warm Weather Dress is allowed between the opening of school and October 1, and between May 1 and the end of the school year.

At this time students in grade 3 through 8 may wear:

- Sleeveless dresses (straps must be two inches in width).
- Bermuda-style shorts.
- Open-toed, sturdy sandals with a strap on the back (such as Teva, Merrill, Keen).

Not allowed:

- Flip-flops or open toe shoes without strap on the back.
- Exposed midriffs and undergarments.

SPECIAL EVENTS DRESS FOR GRADES 3 - 8

The spirit of Special Event Dress is to dress in a respectful and “professional” manner. Special Events include Grandparents Day, the Holiday Assembly, Graduation and other specified days.

BOYS

- Blazers are encouraged but not required.
- Shirt and tie; shirts must be tucked in.
- Solid-color pants with no exterior pockets.
- If pants have belt loops, belts must be worn.
- Any shoe or boot is allowed (preferably leather), except sneakers.

GIRLS

- Any appropriate Dress Code skirt or dress.
- Dresses with spaghetti straps may not be worn.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Appropriate dress slacks may be worn.
- If skirts have belt loops, belts must be worn.
- Any shoe or boot is allowed (preferably leather), except sneakers.