

**ST. PAUL PARISH SCHOOL
DRESS CODE**

Philosophy

St. Paul Parish School's dress code is an extension of the mission of the school. It is driven by the belief that appropriate attire facilitates the school's educational mission and displays an image of personal pride. The St. Paul Parish School Advisory Council expects active and positive parental support. The principal is given discretion for interpreting dress code policy.

Dress Code

School attire should be clean, neat, and modest at all times.

Acceptable Tops

Collared Shirts (solid, striped, plaid)

Turtleneck shirts (solid, striped, plaid)

Crew neck / V-neck sweaters with collared or turtleneck shirts underneath and visible

Solid colored sweatshirts with collared or turtleneck shirts underneath and visible

Blouses or other tops not already deemed unacceptable by this code.

St. Paul logos only

Examples of Unacceptable Tops

Tank tops

Mock neck and henley-style shirts

Scoop neck tops

Crew neck/V-neck tops

Sleeveless apparel

Team shirts or jerseys

All tops must be long enough to prevent exposure of skin or undergarments when hands are raised.

Pants may not be oversized or have cuffs that are in contact with the ground. Waistlines of all pants or shorts are expected to be worn above hip level with all undergarments completely covered. Students may wear capris or walking shorts which are at or above the knee, below mid-thigh, hemmed, and contain pockets.

Gym/athletic shorts (including lycra, spandex, or sweat material), cutoffs, sweat suits, camouflaged, fatigues, overalls, and clothing that is dirty or with tears and holes are not considered appropriate school attire.

Dresses and skirts must be below mid-thigh in length.

Student hairstyles should be neat and clean. Extreme variations are unacceptable; only the hair color which grows naturally from the head will be permitted. Heads should remain uncovered during school hours or at after school activities.

Safety concerns require closed-toe, closed-heel shoes or sneakers.

The wearing of earrings is limited to one stud-style earring per earlobe in girls. Visible tattoos are unacceptable.

It is customary to show increased attention to student dress on special occasions, such as liturgies or prayer services. Jeans and shorts are not appropriate for these occasions. Parental support in developing a respect for these events is appreciated.

Students in violation of the dress code shall be given a verbal warning and may be provided with an appropriate change of clothes. In the event of a second violation, the student's parent/guardian will be notified.