

STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

School is first and foremost a place of learning. Each student has the serious task of developing the intellect, talents and gifts that God has given them. Therefore, his/her personal appearance should indicate an awareness of the importance of their work and attitude in school. All students are to come to school neatly and modestly dressed. It is the parents' responsibility to see that their children are appropriately dressed before leaving for school each day.

PLEASE NOTE – Following of the dress code is highest priority. However, modesty in relation to following the dress code is also a high priority. In keeping up with the latest styles and “fit” of school approved pants, please keep in mind that all skin between the bottom of the shirt and the top of the pants needs to remain covered at all times. No bare skin (midribs or lower body areas) should be visible at any time whether the child is sitting, standing, bending over, etc. This should be a consideration when purchasing school approved dress wear.

It is important to remember that the purpose of the dress code is *SIMPLICITY*. While an item may fit the technicalities of the code – is it simple?

Shirts: *Colors:* Navy, White and Red. All shirts must have a collar. Acceptable styles: Turtleneck (including mock), Polo's, and Oxfords and girls' blouses with Peter Pan collars. Long shirt tails will be worn tucked in. Parents are expected to follow this list of styles as closely as possible. Boys undershirts are to be basic white t-shirts only. No camisoles may be visible.

Slacks/Shorts: *Colors:* Navy and Khaki – They can be Cotton, Polyester, Corduroys, and Cargo Pants please keep pockets and looseness in check. Leggings/Knit Pants will be acceptable for children in K-2 due to fine motor skills and personal hygiene needs. **NO JEANS!** Shorts may be worn anytime with parental discretion.

Dress/Skirt/Skort/Jumpers/Capri's: *Colors:* Navy, Khaki and the Approved Plaid. These may be worn anytime during the school year. Please use parental discretion with the weather changes. Shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers must be longer than the child's finger tips when standing straight with arms at their side. Girls are invited to keep a pair of shorts at school to wear under skirts/dresses for modest outdoor play.

Sweaters/Vest: *Colors:* Navy, Red and White. Polar fleece is acceptable if it is in an approved sweater color (solid color) and style (vest or pullover). Sweaters and vests are to be **SOLID** colors – no stripes or designs. If shirts are layered each layer will follow the dress code and be collared.

No sweatshirts.

Belt: *Color:* Dark Color Please. Belts are optional.

Tights: *Colors:* Navy, black, khaki, white and red. All tights will be solid colors, no colored stripes, or patterns.

Socks: *Colors:* Navy, Black, Khaki and White.

Shoes: ALL shoes must be one solid color – either plain dark (navy, brown, black) or plain white. No other colors. Dress shoes or tennis shoes **MAY** be worn as long as they are as plain/solid color as possible. No multi-colored dress or tennis shoes.

No boots above ankle height, no high heels, no clogs or slides (regardless of how long the pant legs are), no open heels such as Croc's, no sandals or open toes.

No shoes with lights, wheels or other distractions.

Tennis shoes with non-skid soles are required for PE. (Most tennis shoes are automatically non-skid soles. You may have to check the black ones.) If a child does not have tennis shoes for PE class they will be asked to sit out.

Boots worn outside for inclement weather will NOT be worn in the classroom as indoor shoes. Separate outdoor wear is required for winter weather.

Hair bands & ribbons: short (no dangling ties or ribbons), school colors only (red, white or navy).

Any of the referenced items from the previous page that are available in the school plaid or able to have the school logo silk-screened will be acceptable.

The following are NOT permitted:

Sweatpants, fleece pants, wind pants or tear away pants.

Sleeveless or cut off tops, tops which show a bare stomach or backside, off the shoulder tops, low cut or tight tops.

Shirts with pictures or commercials.

Sandals, clogs, slides, no open heels such as Croc's, or flip flops.

Sweatshirts.

Pierced body parts other than lower ear lobe. NOT ALLOWED: tattoos, temporary or permanent, or other body art.
Dangling earrings, necklaces or bracelets.
Make-up of any kind (This included glitter lotions and sprays).
Distracting hairstyles including Mohawks, shaved heads, tails, heads with designs cut into them and coloring.
NOT ALLOWED hair coloring, natural or otherwise.

Dress Code for Preschool Students (P3 and P4)

Preschool children will come neat, clean and dressed comfortably so they are conducive to a comfortable learning setting.
They are not required to follow the Standardized Dress Code.

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

There will be at least one casual day a month that will be determined by the school calendar. On casual dress days students may come in nice jeans, sweat suits, wind pants (no tear aways), nice sweatshirts (no beer or violent logos etc.) nice t-shirts (no beer or distasteful logos or pictures). Sandals, clogs and flip flops are still not permitted. All dress must be neat, clean and modest.

VIOLATIONS

Education should be our primary focus at school. The staff should not spend their professional energy being “clothing police”. It would be helpful to go over the dress code as a family BEFORE doing school shopping. However, those found in violation of the code will be subject to the following procedures:

First Infraction: Students will be notified and asked not to wear the particular item(s) to school again.

Second Infraction: Parents will be called/sent a letter as notification of the violation. The student may be requested to wear replacement clothing that the office has on hand. If a shirt is in some way offensive they may be asked to wear the shirt inside out. If office clothing is used the student will be required to wear the clothing home, have it washed and return to school the next day.

Third Infraction: Students will be given an in-school suspension. A meeting with the parents will be called. (In-school suspension means the student will be required to be in school and complete all work for the day, but will work in a supervised area away from other children. Recess and lunch period will be spent away from their peers also.)

Parents please use your discretion with the weather changes. It is your responsibility to see that your children are dressed appropriately.

The Dress Code will be reviewed each year during the early spring.