## Preschool, Elementary \& Middle School Dress Code Guidelines

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
(Cf. 1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:3-4; Prov. 31:30; Deut. 22:5; 1 Sam. 16:7; Phil. 4:8)
The goal of our dress code is to establish high Christian standards for our school and our students. The code is meant to foster a student's self-respect and to provide the opportunity for students to make a positive statement in our community.

Preschool, Elementary \& Middle School students are required to be in dress code beginning with the first day of school. To the greatest degree possible, uniform guidelines will be followed consistently. (Effort has been made to coordinate the Elementary, Middle school and Preschool uniform policy.)

Obedience, even in what may be perceived as a minor thing, is honoring to God and respectful to classmates who adhere to the uniform dress code. Thank you for reinforcing our values by ensuring your child is in uniform dress.

## Pants, Jeans, Slacks \& Shorts

These items must be solid navy or khaki without labels. Low rise pants will not be allowed. Blue jeans are considered appropriate uniform attire. Pants, jeans, slacks, and shorts should be plain, not faded, not embellished, without tears/holes, and not immodestly tight. Jeggings are not allowed. Shorts need to fall no more than three inches above the knee.

## Skorts, Skirts, Dresses \& Jumpers

These items must be solid navy or khaki only. Only polyester or cotton twill, knit, or jersey fabrics are allowed. The length should be no more than three inches above the top of the knee. (Solid red, white, navy, or black leggings or playground shorts are required under any dress, skirt or jumper.) Tulle, lace, denim or other non-traditional uniform style skirts are not allowed.

## Socks, Tights \& Leggings

Socks, tights, and leggings must be solid red, white, navy, or black only. Tights and leggings must be worn only under a skirt or dress, never on their own. Capri or ankle length leggings are allowed under a skirt or dress.

## SHIRTS

Solid red, white, or navy long or short sleeved cotton knit or dri-fit polo shirts. Oxford style (button-down) dress shirts, and Peter-Pan collar blouses are also allowed. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts of any type can be worn.

## Belts

Plain brown, black or navy belts can be worn with pants and shorts. They are recommended, not required. Belts should have traditional buckles.

## Sweatshirts \& Sweaters

Only solid red, white or navy blue crew-neck sweatshirts and uniform style sweaters and sweater vests are allowed. Sweatshirts and sweaters may not have any logos or emblems outside of our school mascot. Hoodies are not permitted indoors. If a student chooses to wear a hoodie as a jacket during recess, it must be removed when returning to the building.

## Outdoor Apparel

Any style coat or jacket will be permitted on the playground but should not be worn indoors. Hats, gloves, scarves, and any other outdoor attire should not be worn in the hallways or classrooms.

## Hats

Hats are not to be worn in the building. They may be worn outside for recess.

## Shoes

Traditional tennis shoes are recommended for daily wear due to recess and other activities, and are required for PE days. Tennis shoes must be laced and properly tied at all times. Dress shoes may be worn on non PE days. Not permitted: Wheelie shoes, backless shoes, platform shoes, sandals, flip flops, "crocs" or clogs and shoes with sounds or gadgets. Boots must be only plain black or brown, and snow boots can only be brought to be worn during winter recess times and changed upon return to the classroom.

## Hairstyles

Hair shall be neat, clean and well-groomed. Hairstyle and color extremes are not acceptable and they cannot distract self or others.

## Jewelry

Jewelry should be worn in moderation. Girls may wear only one pair of traditional pierced earrings and/or a modest necklace. Bracelets and rings are not allowed because they can become toys or be broken/lost easily.

Clothes in disrepair (examples: holes, large snags, obvious stains, etc.) are not permitted.

## Dress Code Non-Compliance

If clothing items or accessories become a distraction or a safety concern, the teacher or the administration will have the discretion to ask for a change. These and any other inappropriate dress will be addressed through a dress code violation form. Teachers will complete a dress code violation form and parents will be notified. On-going or serious dress code violations will be brought to the administration's attention. Failure to conform to established dress code could result in suspension.

## Friday Dress \& StuCo Members

Shirts with BCS and Preschool logos may be worn every Friday with uniform pants, shorts, skirts, or jeans.
Student Council members may wear their StuCo shirts on council meeting days, special events, and on days when the StuCo store is open.

## Backpacks, Lunch Bags, Hats, Shoes, etc.

Student's backpacks, lunch bags, hats, shoes, or any character/theme/logo/graphic items may not have characters/themes/logos/graphics that are scary, contain mature content, be inappropriate for youth or dishonoring to God. If the choice of item causes distraction or is inappropriate, a dress code violation form will be submitted and parents will be notified.

