

**ST. MARYS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DRESS CODE POLICY
2024-2025**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code Policy is to clearly define acceptable student attire and to promote an atmosphere conducive to academic success. While the goal is to maintain consistency throughout the district, it is important to note that the following policy may be supplemented by specific building rules.

There are many details and styles of clothing that cannot be covered in the dress code. It is hoped that students and parents understand not only the "letter" but the "spirit" of the dress code and choose clothing that is appropriate for students attending St. Marys Catholic Elementary School.

The administration maintains the right to make the final determination concerning the appropriateness of any student's attire.

All pants, shorts, shirts, blouses, polos, and sweaters must be of the conventional uniform style so as to match those available from Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company.

GIRLS DRESS CODE

- JUMPER** Maroon plaid jumper available from Flynn and O'Hara. The length of the jumper shall be no more than 3 inches above the knee.

- BLOUSE** Solid white short-sleeve or long-sleeve front button-down blouse. Blouses can be worn with the jumper, pants, and shorts. Blouses must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

- POLO** Solid white short-sleeve or long-sleeve polo. Polos can be worn with the jumper, pants, and shorts. Polos must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

- PANTS** Khaki dress pants. Pants should not have outside sewn or cargo pockets, heavy seams, rivets. Material should not be stretch fabric or be form fitting.

- SHORTS** Khaki dress shorts. Shorts should not have outside pockets and be no more than 3 inches above the knee and no longer than 1 inch below the knee. *Shorts may be worn during the warmer weather which is from the first day of school until October 15 and then again from April 15 through the end of the school year.*

- BELT** Black or brown belts (optional)

- SWEATER** Solid gray or white cardigan sweaters. Sweaters can be worn all year long.

- SWEATSHIRT** Predominately maroon crew neck or hooded sweatshirt with ECCSS logo. Approved items are available for sale from the ECCSS PTO or Dave's Pro Shop. Sweatshirts can be worn all year long.

Please note: Hooded sweatshirts are NOT an approved dress code item in the middle and high school.

- QUARTER-ZIP** Solid maroon quarter-zip with the ECCSS logo. This item is available for sale from the ECCSS PTO or Dave's Pro Shop. Quarter-zip can be worn all year.

- SOCKS** Solid color maroon, white, black, brown, gray or tan socks, tights or hose. Socks should be visible above the shoe. No designs are permitted.

SHOES	Solid color white, black, brown, gray or tan shoes cut below the ankle with a heel or platform height of no more than 1½ inches when measured at the back of the shoe. Shoes must be tied snugly using all the eyelets. Plaid and metallic colored shoes, boots, clogs, crocs, sandals, moccasins, open-toes or open-heels shoes are not permitted.
SNEAKERS	Conventional style sneakers should be predominantly white, black, brown, gray or tan. Sneakers should be tied snugly using all eyelets. Solid neon or light up shoes are not permitted.
HAIR	Hair should be kept neat and clean at all times. Eyes must be visible. Hair must be complementary to your natural color. No unnatural hair colors or outlandish hair styles. Students may not make drastic changes to hair color, i.e. extremely light to dark or the reverse. Highlights, lowlights, or streaks that drastically differ from your primary hair color or not permitted. Bows, clips, and headbands that do not cause a distraction are permitted. Headbands must be flat to the head with no raised attachments, i.e. animal ears. If a student chooses to be creative with their hair color or style over the summer, there is no acceptable "grow out" period. All hair color and/or styles must be restored as to adhere to the handbook guidelines before the first day of school.
JEWELRY	Earrings: Matched set posts with a maximum of one earring per ear. No bars or gauges. Necklaces: Only religious medals or scapulars which are worn underneath clothing Watches: One only. Either a wristwatch or Fitbit. No Apple or Smart watches are permitted unless deemed medically necessary. Message bracelets: One with appropriate message only. No other bracelets are permitted. Rings: One ring per hand No ankle bracelets permitted. Only religious buttons and pins No visible body piercings or tattoos No stickers or buttons may be worn on the uniform unless permission has been granted by the administration.
NAILS	No black polish or fake fingernails
MAKE-UP	No visible make-up
GROOMING	Neat and clean No visible tattoos (fake or real) No writing or drawing on the skin

BOYS DRESS CODE

POLO	Solid maroon/burgundy short-sleeve or long-sleeve polo. Polos must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.
PANTS	Khaki dress pants. Pants should not have outside sewn or cargo pockets, heavy seams, rivets.
SHORTS	Khaki dress shorts. Shorts should not have outside pockets and should be no more than 2 inches above the knee and no longer than 1 inch below the knee. <i>Shorts may be worn during the warmer weather dress code period which is from the first day of school until October 15 and then again from April 15 through the end of the school year.</i>
BELT	Black or brown belts (optional)

SWEATER	Solid maroon pullover V-neck sweaters available from Flynn & O'Hara
SWEATSHIRT	Predominately maroon crew neck or hooded sweatshirt with ECCSS logo. Approved items are available for sale from the ECCSS PTO or Dave's Pro Shop. Sweatshirts can be worn all year long. <i>Please note: Hooded sweatshirts are NOT an approved dress code item in the middle and high school.</i>
QUARTER-ZIP	Solid maroon quarter-zip with the ECCSS logo. This item is available for sale from the ECCSS PTO and Dave's Pro Shop. Quarter-zip can be worn all year.
SOCKS	Solid color white, black, brown, gray or tan socks. Socks should be visible above the shoe. No designs are permitted.
SHOES	Solid color black, brown, gray or tan shoes cut below the ankle with a heel or platform height of no more than 1½ inches when measured at the back of the shoe. Shoes must be tied snugly using all the eyelets. Plaid and metallic colored shoes, boots, sandals, crocs, and moccasins are not permitted.
SNEAKERS	Conventional style sneakers should be predominantly white, black, brown, gray or tan. Sneakers should be tied snugly using all eyelets. Solid neon or light up shoes are not permitted.
HATS	Hats are to be removed when in the building.
HAIR	Hair should be kept neat and clean at all times. Hair must be cut above the collar, ears, and eyebrows. Hair must be complementary to your natural color. No unnatural hair colors or outlandish hair styles. Shaving of the head shorter than ¼ inch, designs, steps, or visible lines are not permitted. Students may not make drastic changes to hair color, i.e. extremely light to dark or the reverse. Highlights, lowlights, or streaks that drastically differ from your primary hair color are not permitted. If a student chooses to be creative with their hair color or style over the summer, there is no acceptable "grow out" period. All hair color and/or styles must be restored as to adhere to the handbook guidelines before the first day of school.
JEWELRY	Earrings: Earrings, bars, or gauges are not permitted. Necklaces: Only religious medals or scapulars which are worn underneath clothing Watches: One only. Either a wristwatch or Fitbit. No Apple or Smart watches are permitted unless deemed medically necessary. Message bracelets: One with appropriate message only. No other bracelets are permitted. No ankle bracelets permitted No rings are permitted Only religious buttons and pins No visible body piercings or tattoos No stickers or buttons may be worn on the uniform unless permission has been granted by the administration.
GROOMING	Keep a neat and clean appearance at all times. No visible tattoos (fake or real) No writing or drawing on the skin

GYM UNIFORM (BOYS AND GIRLS)

The gym uniform is worn to school and throughout the day on a student's scheduled gym day. Uniforms may be purchased from Dave's Pro Shop or from the ECCSS PTO. (If purchased elsewhere, it should be comparable in color and style.) In order to participate in gym class, each student is expected to adhere to the dress code.

- SHIRTS** Any ECC/Crusader t-shirt that have a maroon, gold, gray, black, or white background. For example, a white shirt that says Crusader Band Camp would be acceptable. Shirts should be long enough to reach at least to the top of the thigh, but should not be longer than the shorts.
- SHORTS** Black shorts either solid or with a stripe along the side. Shorts should be fingertip length. No wording of any kind across the seat of the shorts. *Shorts may be worn during the warmer weather dress code period which is from the first day of school until October 15 and then again from April 15 through the end of the school year.*
- PANTS** Black athletic pants, wind pants, or sweatpants either solid black or with a stripe along the side. Pants with ECCSS logo are acceptable. No snaps or zippers on the pants. No wording of any kind across the seat of the pants.
Note: During the winter dress code, students may wear gym shorts underneath their pants. The shorts can then be worn during gym class.
- SNEAKERS** See the dress code above for permitted colors. Please be sure sneakers have non-marking soles and are not slip-on. They must be securely tied when participating in gym activities.