

DRESS CODE

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: The seriousness of purpose in a Catholic school requires that students recognize the difference between an educational environment and one of recreation. While society has relaxed its general standards of dress and grooming, students should be aware that many career and employment fields, as well as other institutions and social situations, still demand higher standards. Sacred Heart School requires high standards of dress, grooming, and uniform apparel for two reasons:

1. **Uniforms are more economical than the purchase of youth apparel.**
2. **Dressing uniformly helps to reduce preoccupation and competition with appearances during school hours.**

The dress code does permit some variety. However, even small infractions (e.g., emblems, logos, brand names, designs) are not permitted. This dress code specifies what is **acceptable apparel**. The uniform may not be changed or altered (e. g., skirts, shorts, pants cut-off, rolled/shortened in any way, or belt loops removed). Uniforms are to be clean, in good repair, sized-to-fit, worn modestly, appropriately, and properly. Corduroy uniform material is not acceptable. It is impossible to list what is **NOT** to be worn or used. In questionable circumstances the principal reserves the right to judge compliance. It is best to consult the principal **before** the item or style is bought or worn.

Uniform clothing apparel must be purchased from: Shaheens in Louisville, Educational Apparel, JC Penney Catalog, or Sears uniform department. Polo shirts and sweatshirts **MUST** be purchased through the P.S.T.S. No substitutions are acceptable for any uniform apparel.

UNIFORM: Girls and boys in kindergarten through the eighth grade dress code is:

1. **Pants/Shorts/Skirts:** Boys and girls may wear navy blue **uniform** dress pants and knee-length, dress shorts worn appropriately at the waist. Girls may also wear Sacred Heart's **uniform** plaid skirts or skorts of appropriate length (no more than 2" above knee). Only girls and boys in grades 7 and 8 may wear khaki **uniform** dress slacks/shorts. Shorts and skorts may be worn from the beginning of the school year until Fall Break, and after Spring Break until the end of the school year. A navy blue, brown, or black belt must be worn with the **uniform** pants/slacks and shorts.
2. **Polo shirt:** Solid light blue or red with the Sacred Heart "emblem" printed on left front. Short or long sleeves are available. All shirts must be purchased only from P.S.T.S. White turtle necks are acceptable in winter. All tops should be sized-to fit and pressed.
3. **Socks:** Solid white, navy blue, black, gray, or red crew socks, knee socks, or anklets that come up past the shoe and are clearly visible above the shoe.
4. **Sweaters:** Optional. Solid navy blue **uniform** cardigan sweater fitting properly on the shoulders. Respectable length around the waist and wrists and not over-sized.
5. **Sweatshirts:** Optional. Only Sacred Heart School sweatshirts with the Sacred Heart "emblem" printed on the left front are permitted. They should be purchased through the P.S.T.S. and be a respectable length around the waist, not oversized. A **uniform** shirt (with collar over sweatshirt) must be worn underneath.

6. **Shoes:** Tennis shoes/athletic shoes of any color are the only shoes permitted. Shoes should not “light-up” or have glitter, sequins, or sparkles on them. All should have closed toes and backs and be fastened firmly on the feet – for safety purposes. Untied shoes, sandals, boots, slip-ons, etc. are not acceptable.

7. **Jewelry:** Watch, ring, bracelet, necklace, a pair of earrings (flat against the ear) may be worn. Each item must be singular in number, small, and inconspicuous. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

8. **Hair:** Clean, neat, well-groomed, above eye brows, out of face, and above collar (for boys). Hair may be longer for girls. All hair cuts and styles must be considered “school appropriate”. Fads, styles, such as, but not limited to: coloring, streaking, tails, beaded, shaved markings are not permitted. When in doubt check with the principal **before** wearing a questionable style.

DRESS CODE EXCEPTIONS: Girls and boys in grades K – 8 must wear uniforms every day, except on specified days. These may include, but are not limited to: the first and last day of school, picture day, field day, and some field trips. When not in uniform, students must still dress appropriately and modestly.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT: The dress code will be enforced in the following manner:

1. Parents’ cooperation is vital in helping their children adhere to the uniform dress code and parents should see that their children are properly dressed before they come to school.
2. Teachers will tell children kindly and inconspicuously if they violate the dress code and a uniform violation form will be sent home to inform parents.
3. Students in grade 5-8 will be charged \$1 per uniform violation. The money will be collected and donated to our sister parish, St. Raphael, in Haiti.
4. Parents will be notified by phone or note of repeated violations.
5. If students persist in being out of dress code the faculty will determine other and stricter consequences for lack of cooperation.
6. If in doubt consult the principal **before** wearing a questionable item or style.