

## Dress Code 2024-2025

St. Paul's Lutheran School is a place for instruction and learning. We dress for the occasion, in this case, school. The dress code is designed to help our students make a statement to others about the Christian character of our school and reduce the distractions that get in the way of learning.

All clothing must be neat, clean and in good repair, and must not detract from the **Christian atmosphere of the school**.

It is your responsibility as **parents/guardians** to assist your children at home before coming to school so they will be dressed appropriately. **Parents and guardians** play a key role in **enforcing the Dress Code at home**. We appreciate the support.

Any new styles, fads, apparel, or accessories that may be considered offensive or immodest for school dress will be considered inappropriate. Concerns that arise during the school year will be addressed by the staff.

Classroom teachers and the principal will work for fairness and consistency and will have the final authority in all dress code concerns or infractions. **Before wearing any clothing that may be questionable**, please consult with your classroom teacher.

**Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the following actions.**

**First Violation:**

- Students will be asked to correct inappropriate appearances.
- If the inappropriate dress cannot be easily corrected, students will be sent to the Office and the parent/guardian will be asked to bring a change of clothing to school. In the case of inappropriate hair/extension coloring, students may finish the day but cannot return to school until hair is returned to an acceptable color.
- If none of the above steps are possible, the student will be provided alternative clothing for the day.

**Second Violation:**

- Parent/Guardian will be notified, and the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the day resulting in an unexcused absence.

**Third Violation:**

- Parent/Guardian will be notified, and the student will be sent home from school with a one day out-of-school suspension that results in another unexcused absence.

**Fourth and Subsequent Violations:**

- Parent/Guardian will be notified and the student will be sent home from school with another unexcused one day suspension. Parent/Guardian will meet with the Principal before the student is allowed to return.

## **CHAPEL DRESS CODE**

Chapel days are special days to worship as a school body. **ALL** students are **EXPECTED to wear dress clothes** on chapel days (WEDS).

(**YES**: Khaki or dress pants/shorts, collared shirt, dresses/skirts **NO**: Jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.)

## **CHAPEL FAMILY SHIRTS**

On pre-announced days, students will be asked to wear their chapel family shirts to school. Students are welcome to wear the shirt any other day as well.

## **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS**

**The last school day of each week is a St. Paul's Spirit Wear day.** Students are encouraged to wear their favorite SPWA spirit wear or wear our school colors (red, white, and black). All dress code guidelines still apply on these days. There will be other various Spirit Days and fun dress-up days throughout the year.

## **PANTS**

Pants fit properly must be properly fitting, and they may not be intentionally frayed or have holes in them. Close-fitting, knit pants (i.e. leggings, stretch pants) may be worn with a dress, skirt, or shirt that covers the buttocks. Sleepwear, flannel, and pajama pants may not be worn.

## **SHORTS**

Shorts may be worn from April 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Shorts' length may be no shorter than mid-thigh. Spandex/Lycra shorts are not allowed unless worn under a dress or skirt. Sleepwear and pajama shorts may not be worn.

## **SKIRTS/DRESSES**

Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than mid-thigh. Skorts are acceptable throughout the year, but must meet the length requirement for skirts.

## **SHIRTS**

**EXAMPLES of UNACCEPTABLE SHIRTS:** Shirts that reveal cleavage. Shirts that are low cut in the front, back, or sides. Sleeveless tops with straps narrower than the entire width of the hand all the way around (ex. racer back tops). Sleeveless team jerseys without a t-shirt underneath. Current SPWA athletic uniforms or team gear. Shirts with any picture or message that advertises alcohol, drugs, rude, disrespectful, suggestive, or vulgar phrases or images. Shirts displaying secular music performers, secular television or movies above a PG rating, video games above an E10+ rating, YouTube content, anime other than Pokeman, or images of skulls, skeletons, vampires, etc.

## **HAIR**

Hair should be carefully groomed, combed, and kept neat and clean. Hair should not fall over the eyes. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed. Unnatural hair color, including real or artificial hair extensions, is not acceptable. In such an instance, the hair must be immediately restored to a natural color.

## **HATS**

Headwear is not to be worn in the building except on special spirit days.

## **SHOES**

State law requires that shoes must always be worn. Shoes must have a back. Sandals/Crocs with heel straps are acceptable. No slide or flip-flop style shoes may be worn. Students must have a separate gym shoe to be used on the gym floor. The shoes should have non-marking soles that prevent black marks on the gym floor.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- No temporary tattoos or drawing with ink on the body is allowed. These must be removed before the next school day.
- The only piercings allowed, real or artificial (i.e. magnetic) are in the ears. Students may not wear enlarged ear gauges.
- Clothing must have appropriate coverage during all activities including recess and PE, standing, sitting, leaning over, and raising your hand. At no time should any undergarments be visible.
- **The Dress Code is subject to change according to cultural and fashion trends.** All changes will be communicated to both students and parents.

*In Christ, the community of St. Paul's Lutheran School partners with families to equip children academically and prepare children and families spiritually to witness and serve.*