



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dress Code 2022-2023



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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 20:28

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 to assist your children at home before coming to school so they will be dressed appropriately. Parents play a key role in enforcing the dress code, and 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 faculty.

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 action taken to correct the behavior including:

- parents bringing alternate clothing to school
- clothing provided to the student to wear for the remainder of the school day

Continued violations of the dress code may result in the parent being required to meet with the teacher and/or principal.

CHAPEL

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

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

CHAPEL FAMILY SHIRTS

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

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Fridays are St. Paul's spirit wear days. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite Panther spirit wear or our school colors (red, white, and black). All dress code guidelines still apply on these days. In addition to Fridays, there will be other various fun dress-up days throughout the year.

SPIRIT WEEKS

We have three spirit weeks during the school year, one in November, one in January and one in February. Look forward to special dress-up days during these exciting weeks.

PANTS

Pants must be properly fitting, and they may not be intentionally frayed or have holes in them. Capri-length pants may be worn. Close-fitting, knit pants (i.e. leggings, stretch pants) may be worn with a dress, skirt, or a top that covers the pockets or extends to the fingertips. Sleepwear, flannel, and pajama pants may not be worn.

SHORTS

Shorts may be worn from May 1st until October 31st. 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

Wording and images on shirts should reflect positive Christian values. Students may not wear shirts deemed to be offensive. Manufacturer logos, team names, and novelty t-shirts are acceptable. Shirts may not be low cut in the front, back, or sides. Hooded sweatshirts are acceptable. **Sleeveless tops** must be no narrower all the way around than the entire width of the hand. Current SPWA athletic uniforms (including warm-up shirts) may not be worn. Other team jerseys may be worn with an acceptable t-shirt underneath.

DO NOT wear shirts with any picture or message that advertises alcohol or drugs, secular music performers or contains disrespectful, suggestive, or vulgar phrases.

HAIR

Hair should be carefully groomed, combed, and kept neat and clean. Hair should not fall over the eyes. Extreme hairstyles and coloring are not allowed. Improper coloring of the hair, including, for example, use of hair chalk, must be dyed back to its normal hair color immediately.

HATS are not to be worn in the building except on special spirit days.

SHOES

State law requires that shoes be always worn. Shoes must have a back or strap. Sandals 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.
- Clothing must have appropriate coverage during all activities including standing, sitting, leaning over, and raising your hand.

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.