

## DRESS CODE

It is recognized at St. Mary's Academy Charter School that cleanliness, personal appearance, and proper dress habits are important in determining the pattern of school and social conducts and that there is direct correlation between student appearance, attitude, and behavior.

### Policy Details for Student's Dress will be:

#### Clothing (will be worn as follows...)

1. Shirts: NO SHORT SHORTS WILL BE ALLOWED. This means PE shorts as well as regular shorts will be worn at a natural waistline and will be no shorter than 2 ½ inches (the width of a dollar bill) when measured from the top of the kneecap. Shorts are to be worn at the hem and not rolled up. No biker or spandex shorts and cut offs **will not be allowed.**
2. Pants/Capri/Shorts or Skorts/Skirts will be appropriately sized and worn at a natural waistline (**no sagging or bagging**). Dockers or Jeans may be worn (no holes in jeans allowed). Cotton sweat pants, breakaway pants **will not be allowed.** Girls may wear decorative jeans.
3. As of this time, tucking shirts in is not required but should circumstances require it adjustments will be made. **ONLY POLO STYLE SHIRTS WITH A COLLAR, SOLID COLORS ONLY, WILL BE WORN BY ALL STUDENTS KINDER-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS AND BOYS.** Not tucking in the shirt is considered a privilege and may be revoked.
4. **Shirts will be appropriately sized and worn at a natural length**, no sagging or bagging on the shirts. The hems of the shirts will be no longer than 6-8 inches below the natural waistline.
5. Shirts must be long enough to cover the abdomen when arms are raised.
6. Coats, jackets and protective weather garment shall be worn out. Tops of sweater-like materials with an open waistband must be tucked in.
7. All shirts with logos no larger that 1 inch by 1 inch. Clothing containing obscene slogans, gang-related identifying emblems or symbols, advertisements, for tobacco, alcoholic beverages, drug paraphernalia, or sexual innuendoes will not be allowed.
8. Exception---school approved P.E. Shirt or Friday Shirt. **(Friday (SMACS) Shirts may be worn everyday as part of dress code and PLAID shorts may be worn on FRIDAYS ONLY)**
9. Flat sandals and decorative flat sandals may be worn. However running shoes **MUST** be brought for P.E.
10. Slippers, shower, beach, or house shoes are **prohibited**.
11. Oversized platform shoes are **prohibited**.

#### Headwear

1. Caps and hats will be allowed outside the building if worn appropriately and for the intended purposes (caps with bills will be worn forward).
2. Bandannas will not be allowed.
3. Sunglasses or sunshades are not to be worn inside the building.

#### Grooming

##### Hair:

1. Hair must be neatly groomed. **No extreme hairstyles such as carvings, spikes, tails, shaved or partially shaved heads, ponytails (boys) will not be allowed. No extreme variations of hair length and/or abnormal hair color will not be permitted.** Boy's hair may be worn no lower than to the **middle of the ear lobe or the top of the collar of the shirt.**
2. Sideburns will not extend past the middle of the ear.
3. Eyebrows will not be carved or notched.

##### Accessories:

1. Boys will not be allowed to wear earrings.
2. Girls may wear a maximum of one earring in each earlobe.
3. Body piercing jewelry and/or accessories will not be allowed.
4. Heavy chains or accessories will not be allowed.
5. No theatrical lenses may be worn.
6. One watch and bracelet may be worn.
7. Belts are not required but may be worn.

##### Make-up:

1. **No make-up will be allowed in kinder through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**
2. Boys may not wear make-up.
3. Tattoos and brands are not allowed. No fake tattoos.
4. Girls may wear clear nail polish only. No colored nail polish will be allowed.