

St. Ignatius School Dress Code 2010-2011

The goal of the dress code is to have a common standard for attire that will limit distractions from the educational process, be workable and affordable for parents, and be easily enforceable at school. These guidelines are reviewed by a group of students, parents and teachers who advise the principal on changes or additions they feel are necessary. Students, parents and faculty should become familiar with the guidelines and follow them closely. Faculty and administrators have the right to judge what is appropriate regarding student dress and to enforce consequences for inappropriate dress. **Being "in uniform" is expected to be a cooperative effort among parents, students and staff.**

SHIRTS:

FIT: All shirts should display a comfortable fit—not overly tight, and not oversized.

❖ **Polo Shirt**

- Short or long-sleeved solid white, no logo, any style collar is acceptable;
- Short-sleeved St. Ignatius logo blue polo shirt (purchased at school);
- Short-sleeved solid royal blue polo shirt from any vendor. *This is on a trial basis for the 2010-11 school year. Color must match the school-provided royal blue polo – check color in office before washing.*
- All short sleeve polo shirts must have sleeves with a minimum 2" seam on the underside of the sleeve;
- Polo shirts must be long enough to tuck in. Tucking in the shirt is optional;

❖ **White Button-down Collar Dress Shirt (boys only, must be tucked in)**

❖ **Undershirts**

- White only, short sleeve, sleeveless, tank top or turtleneck undershirts may be worn under polo or dress shirts but must be tucked in and must not show other than at the neck;

PANTS:

FIT: Students must observe a "no show zone", which means the top of the pants must be high enough, and the shirt tail long enough, so that no skin is showing when the arms are extended over the head.

Pants should display a comfortable fit—not overly tight, and not oversized or sagging.

❖ **Twill dress/uniform style pants**

- Navy blue in color for all grades, khaki for grades 6-8 only
- Can have straight leg, slight flare or boot-cut; may be plain/flat front or pleated;
- Rear pockets, hip pockets and flap pockets are all acceptable; cargo pockets are not acceptable;
- May not have stitching in a contrasting color;

❖ **Corduroy uniform pants**

- Narrow wale only; navy blue for all grades, khaki for grades 6-8 only. *This is on a trial basis for the 2010-11 school year.*

SWEATSHIRTS: Uniform shirts are to be worn under all sweatshirts and fleece, with collar visible

- ❖ **St. Ignatius school sweatshirts**, with school logo, purchased from the school (no CYO sweatshirts);
- ❖ **Fleece vest with school logo** (no longer available for purchase) may still be worn;

SHORTS: Shorts may not be worn during the months of December, January or February.

- Navy blue (all grades) and khaki (6 – 8 only) shorts that follow the style and pockets of the dress/uniform pants;
- Acceptable length is between knee length and no shorter than 2" above the knee (not below the knee);

JUMPERS/SKIRTS/SKORTS for Girls: Acceptable length is between 2" above the knee and 2" below the knee; During the months of December, January and February, tights must be worn underneath (no bare legs).

❖ **St. Ignatius plaid jumpers, skirts and skorts**

- Purchased from Dennis Uniform
- Shorts must be worn under jumpers and skirts, and must not be visible below the hemline.

❖ **Skorts**, navy blue (all grades) or Khaki(6 – 8 only)

SOCKS: Socks must be worn at all times at school; Girls may wear tights in place of socks.

SHOES:

- All shoes (including slip-ons) must have backs.
- No open-toe shoes;
- Velcro closure shoes are encouraged in Kindergarten and 1st grade (until the student can tie laces without assistance);
- Students are encouraged to wear athletic-style shoes that allow for play during recess;
- The school discourages students from wearing boots (of any kind) to school;
- Closed-toe flats or low heels with backs are acceptable;

FREE DRESS – SUNDAY BEST: Sunday Best is allowed on the days of all-school liturgy and other days when dress up attire is required. "Sunday Best" refers to clothes that are appropriate for Mass. *During the months of December – February, shorts are not allowed and skirts/dresses must be worn with tights, leggings or hosiery.*

- Shirts with sleeves. Shirts with collars preferred. No t-shirts, shirts with writing, or camouflage. Sweaters may be worn but no sweatshirts;
- Dress slacks. No jeans or athletic wear;
- Dress shorts in any color that follow the style, pocket and length guidelines of the regular uniform shorts;
- Dresses (with sleeves) or skirts that follow the length guidelines of the regular uniform jumper / skirt / skort;
- Leggings may be worn on free dress days, as an undergarment only;
- Undergarments / bra straps should not be visible.

FREE DRESS: Periodically there are "free dress" days where students are allowed to wear casual clothes in good condition – jeans included. *During the months of December – February, shorts are not allowed and skirts/dresses must be worn with tights, leggings or hosiery.*

- Tops must have sleeves;
- T-shirts must be appropriate for a K-8 Catholic school. No alcohol, tobacco, inappropriate wording or pictures;
- Shorts, skirts and dresses may be of any color and must follow the length guidelines of the regular uniform policy;
- Leggings may be worn on free dress days, as an undergarment only;
- Cotton stretch pants may be worn by girls in grades K-3 only; cannot be skin tight or overly baggy;
- Students may wear free dress on their birthday or half-birthday (for summer birthdays);
- Free dress for field trips is at the option of the teacher;
- *On all school days students must observe a "no show zone", which means the top of the pants must be high enough, and the shirt tail long enough, so that no skin is showing when the arms are extended over the head.*

OTHER:

- Hats may not be worn in the school building;
- Make-up should be lightly applied and for junior high students only;
- Small post earrings are allowed – no hoops or dangling earrings. Other small jewelry are allowed;
- Hair styles and colors must remain natural appearing and non-distracting to others (i.e. totally bleached or dyed, tipping or bold streaked styles are not allowed, as well as non-natural colors or unusual styles);
- Eighth graders may wear their class's specially designed St. Ignatius eighth grade class sweatshirt;

P.E. SHOES: To protect the gym floor, students must have a dedicated pair of PE shoes that remain at school. Questions about gym shoes should be directed to our P.E. teacher.

- Gym shoes are to be athletic style shoes with full backs that will stay on feet during active play;
- Gym shoes need not be new. Previously used shoes are acceptable if the soles are scrubbed clean prior to use;
- Soles must be non-marking;
- Velcro closures are required for all kindergartners, and for 1st and 2nd graders who have not mastered tying laces.

P.E. UNIFORMS (grade 4 – 8 only):

- St. Ignatius P.E. uniform, purchased from the school;
- P.E. uniform should fit the student – not oversized or "sagging";
- P.E. uniforms must be stored in a fabric bag, which may be purchased from the school;
- All students should bring deodorant (no aerosol deodorant);
- CYO sweats only may be worn when the weather is cold.