

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY (8/2008)

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The Uniform Dress Code includes the following regulations:

Uniform Colors:

Pants, skirts, slacks, jumpers, skorts, and shorts may be any of these colors:

Black, khaki, navy blue

Solid color polo shirts, turtlenecks, cardigan sweaters, v-neck sweaters, sweater vests, and sweatshirts may be any of these colors:

White, blue, red, yellow, hunter green

No logos other than St. Matthew

General Information:

1. Belts are to be worn on all clothes that require belts.
2. Proper undergarments are to be worn at all times.
3. Shorts may be worn in September, October, May, and June **except** on Chapel Days.
4. Sneakers or shoes must be worn. They should be clean and in good condition. Gym shoes must be worn during gym class. For safety reasons, no open toe high heels, flip flops or open toe, backless sandals are permitted.
5. All clothes may be properly fitted for the children. No tight fitting or huge fitting pants, skirts, shorts, or shirts are allowed. **Low-rise or below the waist pants are not permitted.**
6. The Principal will handle any additional items not covered in this policy.

Boys:

- No ear jewelry of any kinds may be worn.
- No letter or symbols may be cut into the hair.
- No unnatural hair color may be added to the hair.
- No tattoos may be worn.
- No hair below the shoulder may be worn.

Girls:

- Other than ear piercing, no other body piercing is permitted.
- No unnatural hair color may be added to the hair.
- No letters or symbols may be cut into the hair.
- No tattoos may be worn.
- The length of skirts, jumpers, skorts, and shorts is to be below fingertip length.**

Chapel Days:

Boys: Dress shirts and pants with belts are to be worn. Ties are recommended during chapel. Turtlenecks and sweaters or sweater vests (pullover or cardigan style) will be allowed in cold weather.

Girls: Blouses with collars along with jumpers or skirts are to be worn. Turtlenecks and sweaters or sweater vests (pullover or cardigan style) will be allowed in cold weather. Skorts, culottes or polo shirts are **not** acceptable on Chapel Days.

Cold Weather:

If the temperature outdoors is below freezing, parents should encourage proper coverage of exposed legs, hands, and faces when the child is outdoors or riding buses.

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Special Groups:

Boy/Cub Scouts and Brownie/Girl/Cadet Scouts may not wear their uniform to school, but may change after school for their meetings.

Cheerleaders are not to wear their cheerleading uniforms to school, except on Game Days or Pep Rallies.

All Sport Team members must wear dress clothes on game days (ties must be worn).

Special Days:

During the school year there will be special days planned where the children may wear items of clothing other than the school uniform. Field Trips fall into this category.

Gym Attire:

Grades 3-8 wear gym uniforms which include: white cotton socks, green St. Matthew shorts / shirt, which may be ordered through our school, safe athletic shoes (no open-back or platform). With permission of the PE teacher, sweat suits may be worn over gym uniforms.

Grades Pre-K - 2 wear school clothes for P.E., but need the athletic shoes mentioned above.

New Students to St. Matthew:

Many parents donate "previously worn" uniform clothing to our school and we encourage parents to check with us if you are finding it difficult to comply with the code.

Policy Enforcement:

A written warning or Notice of Concern will be sent home to the parents stating why their child's attire did not comply with the uniform policy. The teacher will sign this warning. Parents are to sign the form and return it by the next day. After two warnings, the student will be sent home or parents must deliver appropriate clothing to the child before they may return to class.

PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL ALL CLOTHES!