

DRESS CODE

Our primary goal is to have a student body that is appropriately dressed for school activities, including trips off campus and special assemblies. How we dress is a form of communication to ourselves and others. Styles, while fashionable and available in local stores, are not always appropriate for school. Students should understand that while these guidelines are designed to give a general set of expectations for appearance, the dress code may be altered to ensure that a proper atmosphere for learning is maintained. **Parents and students are expected to support these policies. We strongly suggest that parents put names in clothing worn to school.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All clothing worn to school must be neat, clean and without holes, fringe or excessive wear. Clothes should neither be oversized nor form-fitting. Undergarments must be concealed. No writing or large logos on shirts are permissible.
- Cut-off shorts or those which are form-fitting are not allowed.
- Appropriate clothes and footwear are required for Physical Education classes.
- Pants and shorts should be worn at the waist.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Unnatural hair colors and extreme styles are not permitted.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- Hats, other head coverings and sunglasses may only be worn outside.
- St. Michael's athletic team uniforms may be worn to school on game days.
- Sleeveless dresses must be at least three-finger widths at the shoulder.
- Non-collared shirts with no writing are permissible.
- Necklines must be no lower than the armpit.
- Tops must COVER the midriff in the front AND the back at all times, including when seated or when the arm is raised.
- Shorts and skirts must be neatly hemmed and at least mid-thigh in length, including when seated.
- Sheer clothing, sleeveless shirts and clothing with cut-outs are not permitted.
- Dress shirts must be tucked in. Polo shirts may be un-tucked; they should not be longer than mid-thigh when un-tucked.
- Only one shirt tail may be un-tucked.
- Belts must be worn when wearing a dress shirt.
- Facial hair is not permitted.

DRESS UP DAYS/FIELD TRIP DRESS CODE

Students must wear either (a) a dress shirt, tie, and long pants; (b) a dress; or (c) a dress blouse with a dress skirt/pants. Field Trip dress code may be altered based upon the destination/activities.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Dress down days are an eighth grade privilege on the last school day of each month. Other dress down days for all students are scheduled during the year. On dress down days, T-shirts are allowed as long as they are in good condition and contain no offensive/inappropriate language or symbols. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, exposed midriffs, pajamas, athletic clothing and other extreme fashion are not permitted.

The school administrators are the final arbiters for what is or is not considered appropriate dress.