



Dress Code

STM has adopted a dress code that is accepting of diversity, yet demonstrates modesty, professionalism and self-respect. This is an integral aspect of the preparation of your son/daughter for life in future professional, academic, and religious environments. Each school day we focus on academic and spiritual growth that requires greater attention to the dignity of the human person. Since Christian love and respect should be reflected in all that we say and do, faculty and students are expected to dress at all times in a manner that promotes self-respect, fosters a positive learning atmosphere, and endorses that which is appropriate for a Christian learning environment.

Please note: Extreme weather conditions and classroom temperatures will be taken into consideration as necessary.

Not Permitted

- **Leggings, unless worn underneath appropriate skirts or dresses. No long t-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. will be allowed to be worn with leggings as pants.**
- Any clothing or accessories that promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any derogatory messages.
- Any clothing or accessories that support distractions or that may jeopardize safety.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses that are deemed inappropriate by faculty or staff.
- Shirts, blouses, and tops **revealing any cleavage**. Violations will be at the discretion of staff and the Assistant Principal/Dean of Students.
- Pants worn below waistline.
- Visible underwear/undergarments.
- Torn, ripped, cut/modified, worn out, or dirty clothing regardless if there is fabric underneath the rip or tear.
- Shirts and blouses that are too small or too tight.
- Pants and shorts that are not of traditional fit (i.e. excessively baggy or excessively tight).
- Any type of sweat or fleece pants, yoga pants, athletic pants, wind pants with or without snaps down the sides, PJ pants, doctor/nurse's scrubs, or athletic style sports shorts. "Joggers" are only permitted if they are not made of sweatpant or athletic material.
- Tank tops without an appropriate shirt worn over the top.
- Skin showing at the midriff (crop tops).
- Hats, caps, head scarves, bandanas, stocking caps, and/or any other head gear **including hoods and headphones of any type**.
- Coats (Exceptions will be made by Administration for extremely cold days).
- Boxers, cut-off shorts, spandex shorts, and any type of beach wear.
- Slippers or no footwear.
- Visible tattoos or piercings that are distracting, inappropriate, or draw undue attention.

A student who violates one or more provisions of the dress code will be given an opportunity by the teacher to correct the dress code violation. If this is not possible or the student is not willing to comply, he/she will be sent to the office of the Assistant Principal/Dean of students, who will deem appropriate consequences for dress code violations. Depending on the situation, the student may:

- be required to put on a replacement t-shirt, change clothes at school, or contact a family member to have someone bring appropriate clothing to school. He/she will wait out of class until the appropriate clothing items arrive.
- receive a detention
 - first-third offense 30 minutes for each violation
 - fourth and beyond 60 minutes or Saturday Detention

The dress code is in effect as soon as students enter the building and remains in effect until their departure. Any exceptions to the dress code will be announced beforehand over the P.A. system and via STM student email. For the sake of order, when there are differences of opinion concerning dress, the judgment of faculty and/or administration will be respected. STM expects that parent(s)/guardian(s) will offer the first and best counsel to their son/daughter in the matter of dress.

Honor Dress Code

On certain school days, the administration will announce "Honor Dress Code", which means students will need to be dressed more formally than on typical school days. Business-causal is a good rule of thumb on Honor Dress Days. Examples include: Mass days, guests in the building, invited speakers, etc.