



Dress Code



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As a private Catholic educational system, TCCES schools reserve the right to determine a norm of appearance for their students. Proper conduct and appropriate dress reflect the virtues of modesty and self-respect and are essential to maintaining a positive atmosphere for learning. Students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of the differences in dressing for a social/recreational activity, for a day at a TCCES Catholic school, and for special occasion / liturgy days.

Pants: Girls and Boys

- Students must wear full-length pants to the ankle with a finished/hemmed bottom. These pants may not be torn or tattered. Pants must fit appropriately, not be too baggy or too tight. (Spandex/elastic/tight fitting, leggings, jeggings, exercise pants, etc. are not allowed.) Pants may not contain rivets.
- Dress/cargo/khaki/etc. shorts of appropriate length (top of the knee or longer) or capris may be worn during August, September, May and June.
- Denim is NOT allowed.
- Undergarments may not be visible and pants must be worn at the waistline.

Tops: Girls and Boys

- Shirts must have a collar (Polo shirts are acceptable) and sleeves (long or short), be modest and appropriate for the school environment. No more than the top two buttons may be unbuttoned.
- Sweaters, fleece, and school / TCCES sweatshirts: crew neck, V-neck, hooded or cardigan may be worn over shirts as listed above.
- Class shirts may be worn on any regular dress code or relaxed dress day.
- Any brand logos on clothing must be 3 inches square or smaller. A logo size exception is made for approved SETON/SMC/TCCES imprinting/embroidery on sweatshirts, polo shirts, dress shirts, etc.

Footwear: Girls and Boys

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- During the months of August, September, May, and June students may wear sandals.
- **SMC ONLY:** For safety reasons, science lab students must have teacher-approved footwear with them each day during August, September, May, and June.

Jewelry/Makeup: Girls and Boys

- Visible body piercing, except ears, is not allowed.
- Extremes in jewelry and makeup will not be tolerated.

Hair: Girls and Boys

- Hair must be clean, neatly combed, out of the eyes, and of reasonable style and natural shade.
- Boys' hair, including sideburns, must be no longer than the bottom of the ear at the sides and above the collar in the back.
- Boys must be clean-shaven.

Tattoos / Body Art / Writing:

- Visible tattoos, body art / writing are never allowed.

Hats/Caps/Bandanas/Jackets/Coats: Girls and Boys

- Hats/caps/bandanas or outside wear jackets/coats may not be worn in school.

Liturgy Attire Days: Girls (Liturgy and other days determined by the Principal)

- Girls may wear skirts or dresses of an appropriate length and modest style. The neckline is to be modest and appropriate for the school / church environment with sleeves (long or short). The skirt length must be 2” above the top of the knee or longer when standing.
- Girls may also choose to wear dress pants (**Seton: Navy or black**) with a modest, dressy top. Shirrtails must be tucked. Cargo pants and pants of that type of material are not allowed.
- Sweaters (but not fleece or sweatshirts) may be worn.
- Dress shoes are recommended. Flip-flops, fleece boots, moccasins, and/or slippers are not allowed.
- SMC/SETON/TCCES apparel is not allowed.
- No out of dress code passes may be used on Liturgy Attire Days.

Liturgy Attire Days: Boys (Liturgy and other days determined by the Principal)

- Boys must wear dress pants (**Seton: Navy or black**) with a coordinated button down dress shirt with a collar and an appropriate tie. The tie must be tied and worn at the traditional collar level and shirrtails must be tucked. Cargo pants and pants of that type of material are not allowed.
- Sweaters (but not fleece or sweatshirts) may be worn over the dress shirt and tie.
- Dress shoes are recommended. Flip-flops, fleece boots, moccasins and/or slippers are NOT allowed.
- SMC/SETON/TCCES apparel is not allowed.
- No out of dress code passes may be used on Liturgy Attire Days.

Relaxed Dress Days: Girls and Boys (Determined by Principal)

- Jeans, sweatpants, wind pants, sport shorts and other knee length shorts, and T-shirts may be worn. (**Also allowed - SMC ONLY - Zephyr Pajama Pants.**)
- Shirts must be modest and appropriate. T-shirts and any outerwear with inappropriate language or advertising, including Clothing that promotes inappropriate musicians, music groups, alcohol, drugs, inappropriate messages, or sexual references are not allowed at any time.
- **SMC ONLY:** For safety reasons, science lab students must have teacher-approved footwear with them each day during August, September, May, and June.

Clothing Never Allowed

- Clothing that is very tight or very loose
- Tops/pants that are not modest and / or show stomach/lower back (midriff) skin or undergarments
- Clothing that promotes musicians, music groups, alcohol, drugs, inappropriate messages, or sexual references
- Tattered / torn / frayed clothing
- Tank tops/shirts without sleeves
- Any gothic looking apparel
- Any other non-TCCES public / parochial / private school (K-12) logo wear

All students' attire must comply within the above code. School mandated detentions might be issued for dress code infractions. Parents may be called regarding infractions to the dress code and asked to bring a change of clothes to school or to take some other type of appropriate action. (Time away from class is unexcused and must be made up by the student with his/her teacher(s).) Multiple infractions may warrant disciplinary actions.

The school administration reserves the right to make final interpretations or changes in the above dress code.

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