



## St. Mary Elementary School Dress Code Policy

**Purpose:** St. Mary Elementary School has developed this dress code for following reasons.

- ❖ To provide affordable options for the parents
- ❖ To allow for flexibility in sizing children
- ❖ To provide a uniformity in school dress

### Boys Dress Code

- Pants:** Solid navy blue or khaki dress slacks are acceptable. Brown or black belts must be worn with slacks designed with belt loops for Grades 3-5. No denim, knit, nylon, or athletic type pants are allowed.
- Shirts:** Solid white, navy, or powder blue dress, polo, or turtleneck shirt is allowed. All TCCES logo wear is acceptable. If there are other logos present, they may not exceed a quarter in size. The shirts must be modestly buttoned and tucked in during the school day.
- Sweaters:** Solid white or navy blue cardigan, V-neck, or crew sweaters may be worn. St. Mary Elementary School and TCCES logo sweatshirts are also acceptable. If there are other logos present, they may not exceed a quarter in size.
- Shorts:** Solid navy blue or khaki shorts may be worn during the spring or fall seasons. Shorts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee (walking short). No denim, knit, nylon, or athletic short will be allowed. The administrator will notify parents and students through the newsletter when the shorts are acceptable dress.
- Shoes:** Clean tennis shoes and/or dress shoes are acceptable. All shoes must have backs for safety and support (no sandals or flip flops). Socks need to be worn with the shoes.
- Jewelry:** No earrings or other extremes of jewelry can be worn (as defined by the administrator).
- Hair Length:** The back of the hair may not fall below the top of a standard shirt collar. Extreme hairstyles or colors are not allowed.

### Girls Dress Code

- Jumper/Skort:** St. Mary plaid, navy, or khaki jumper/skorts are acceptable. Jumpers and skorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. White or navy tights must be worn with jumpers and skorts. During fall and spring skorts should follow as defined in shorts.
- Shirts/Blouses:** Solid white, navy, or powder blue dress, polo, or turtleneck shirt is allowed. All TCCES logo wear is acceptable. If there are other logos present, they may not exceed a quarter in size. Shirts and blouses must be modestly buttoned and tucked in during the school day.
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- Sweaters:** Solid white or navy blue cardigan, V-neck, or crew sweaters may be worn. St. Mary Elementary School and TCCES logo sweatshirts are also acceptable. If there are other logos present, they may not exceed a quarter in size.
- Shoes:** Clean tennis shoes and/or dress shoes are acceptable. All shoes must have backs for safety and support (no sandals or flip flops). Socks need to be worn with the shoes.
- Jewelry:** No extremes of jewelry can be worn as defined by the administrator. For safety reasons no dangling earrings are allowed.
- Hair Length:** No length restrictions on the back and sides. The front of the hair may not fall below the eyebrows. No extreme hairstyles or colors are allowed (as defined by administrator).

### **Additional Dress Code Items:**

#### **Dress-up Days**

As the day implies, the students should dress up for these special days. This day will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month has special religious significance in our faith and therefore we recognize that fact by attending liturgy in dress-up clothes. Just to clarify, the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday is the first Friday of the month and it is not always a school day. Dressing-up involves appropriate modest clothing for church. Therefore no low cut tops, bare shoulders, spaghetti strap dresses should be worn by girls. No T-shirts or tank tops are allowed.

#### **Witness Wear Days**

Twice a month, students will be able to dress in Witness Wear clothing. This clothing will state their commitment to their faith and/or country. Some examples of Witness Wear do include shirts with USA flags, Boy Scout/Girl Scout attire, and shirts with bible sayings etc. When wearing Witness Wear, students may choose jeans to wear with their shirt.

#### **Out of Uniform Passes**

Students will receive out of uniform passes during the school year (birthdays). These passes may be used on any school day. There are a few exceptions where the out of uniform pass cannot be used and those days will be given to the students.

#### **Non-compliance to the school dress code policy will result in the following consequences for the student:**

- **Oral or written notification to the parents to change by the next school day**
- **Parents may be contacted at home or work requesting them to bring the appropriate clothes to school.**
- **Possible suspension of the student who is frequently non-compliant to the code.**

**The school administrator reserves the right to make the final interpretation on the dress code and restrict certain fashions that are inappropriate as well as interpret what is considered to be a distraction to learning.**

**These guidelines must be followed on all school days, dress up days, Spring & Christmas concerts, band concerts, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition, and other school events.**