



2023-2024 STUDENT DRESS CODE

We gather to do important work. Our dress reflects the importance St. Michael's places on learning and personal conduct by communicating a level of care and respect for ourselves, others, and the work we do together.

St. Michael's will adhere to our previous dress code standards (listed below) for the 2023-24 school year. School administrators are the final arbiters for what is or is not considered appropriate dress.

Parent Reminders:

- Students will go outdoors and use our 70 acres for learning and daily activities, so they should wear the right clothing, weather gear, and sturdy shoes each day.
- **We strongly suggest families put names in ALL clothing/jackets worn to school.**

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Tops

- All shirts, tops, and blouses should have sleeves. Boys' shirts should have collars.
- Tops may have no logo or a small chest/pocket detail logo or St M logo that is less than 2 inches in size.
- Sweaters and pullovers
- Dresses
 - Sleeveless dresses are permitted provided they are at least three-finger width at the shoulder
- Writing and large (>2 inches) logos/images on clothing are not permissible inside school, except for school spiritwear on Friday's "Dragon Dress Days, St M branded sweatshirts/jackets, and holidays;" with the exception of students in grades K-2. Students in K-2 may always wear tops with images (no writing or logos) larger than 2 inches
- Necklines should be no lower than the armpit
- Athletic clothing may be required for physical education classes but not permitted otherwise -- with two exceptions:
 - St. Michael's athletic outerwear (St M hoodies/jackets/sweatshirts) may be worn indoors
 - Interscholastic St M team uniforms may be worn on game days
 - Middle School students should bring appropriate athletic wear and shoes on gym days to change into utilizing the locker rooms before P.E.

Bottoms

- Pants, khakis, jeans, non-athletic shorts, non-athletic skirts/skort, and dresses, all neatly hemmed
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts should be mid-thigh length or longer
 - As guidance when purchasing, shorts should have a minimum of a five-inch inseam
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist
- Leggings may NOT be worn as pants but may be worn under tunics and dresses that are mid-thigh in length

Footwear

- Shoes should be worn and secured at all times. As St M uses our expansive campus trail system for academic and recreational activities during the school day, students should come to school in sturdy, close-toed shoes
- Athletic shoes must be worn on PE days

Hair/Accessories

- Extreme hairstyles and hair colors not naturally occurring are not permitted
- Facial piercings and facial hair are not permitted
- Hats, visors, and sunglasses are not permitted indoors (cultural or religious headscarves/headwear are permitted)



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Not Allowed

- Hats, visors, and sunglasses, unless worn outside only
- Sleepwear, fleece pants, or sweatpants
- Athletic shorts, skorts, or bottoms
- Undershirts or visible undergarments
- Spaghetti straps, racerback tops, cutouts, or shirts that reveal midriff or back (including when arms are raised)
- Clothing that is frayed, ripped, sheer, or with holes
- Offensive-inappropriate language/symbols
- Athletic clothing may be required for physical education classes, but not permitted otherwise -- with one exception:
 - Interscholastic team uniforms may be worn on game days

Special Events

Dragon Dress Fridays

Any above-the-waist St. Michael's spiritwear (excluding hats and sunglasses) **may be worn in school every Friday**. Show your Dragon pride! We love seeing all of the blue and white in our halls.

Dress Up Days

For certain events (i.e., select Chapel services, Closing Exercises, or speaker/special guest days) designated by the School, students should wear either (a) a dress shirt, tie, and long pants with a belt; (b) a dress; or (c) a dress blouse with a dress skirt/pants.

Field Trips

When traveling off-campus students may be asked to dress for a formal occasion or in a St. Michael's polo shirt with khaki pants, shorts, dress, or skirt. Field Trip Dress Code may also be altered based on the destination/activities.

Dress Down Days

Dress down days are scheduled during the year (e.g., service fund-raisers, as an eighth grade privilege on the last day of each month.) On dress down days, all guidelines and rules remain in place except:

- Athletic clothing is allowed
- School-appropriate writing and large logos are allowed
- Other guidelines/rules may be relaxed for individual events

Holidays

Above-the-waist holiday-themed clothes that do not adhere to the dress code may be worn in school on approved days. These dates will be published seasonally in St. Michael's weekly newsletter.