

Part X:

Dress Code and Grooming Regulations

Saint Joseph Academy maintains a code of dress and grooming consistent with its character as a private, Catholic, college-preparatory school. This code contributes to a seriousness of purpose, a constructive learning atmosphere, and the development of sound personal habits and a positive self-image. Violations of any of the policies listed herein will result in disciplinary consequences.

Parents are expected to support this policy by ensuring that their children wear only the approved school uniform provided by Lands' End Uniforms.

Students' failure to comply with dress and grooming regulations will result in disciplinary action. Repeated failure to comply with regulations may result in disciplinary action and/or being sent home. Students are expected to be in proper uniform when they arrive on the campus.

Boys

- Choice of khaki or navy blue uniform pants with black or brown belt.
- Belt must be worn at all times with tucked shirt (Oxford or Polo).
- Choice of Oxford shirt (long or short sleeves) in white or blue or school polo.
- ALL shirts must be tucked into trousers.
- T-shirts worn under uniform shirts must be WHITE.
- Hair Styles and Good Grooming: Students must always be clean shaven and are not permitted to wear mustaches or beards. After the third time a student is sent to shave, he may receive Saturday detention. Hairstyles must be short and not reach the shirt collar. Any hairstyle is subject to administrative approval. The following is not permitted:
 - Bangs longer than eye level
 - Pinning hair behind the ears
 - The use of gel, water, or hair spray to disguise length of hair
 - Hair that falls below the collar

- Dyed hair
- Sideburns that are longer than the bottom of the ear
- Excessive verticality
- Pony tails are not allowed.
- Socks must be visible above the top of the shoe (white, blue or black).
- Faces are to be clean shaven.
- Earrings and other visible piercings are not allowed.
- Makeup and other cosmetic products, including nail polish, are not allowed.

Only SJA uniforms supplied by Lands' End will be allowed beginning August 2021. Solid, navy, gray, or plaid skirts from other vendors are NOT allowed.

Girls

- Choice of green plaid skirts, uniform slacks in navy blue or khaki. Skirt length is subject to the discretion of the administration but must reach close to the knee. Students in skirt lengths deemed inappropriate are subject to disciplinary consequences.
 - Choice of 1) Oxford blouse (long or short sleeves) in white, 2) school polo shirt in white or black.
 - Socks (white, gray or navy) must be visible above the top of the shoe.
 - Tights may be worn (only white, gray or navy are allowed).
 - Oxford blouses and polo shirts must be tucked in.
 - Appropriate makeup is permitted only in grades 9 through 12.
 - Hairstyles are to be neat and well-groomed.
 - Ear piercings are permitted, but are not to exceed more than two earrings on each ear.
 - T-shirts worn under uniform blouses must be WHITE.
 - Colored undergarments must not be visible through the uniform blouse.
 - Boots of any type are permitted in cold weather only.
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- Shoes with heels are not permitted including ankle high boots.

Boys and Girls

- All buttons on shirts and blouses must be buttoned except the top collar button on Oxford or polo shirts.
- All pants will require a black or brown belt.
- Only uniform sweaters and vests purchased from Lands' End Uniforms or the Saint Joseph Academy bookstore are permitted to be worn at school. No hoodies, including SJA hoodies, will be permitted on campus during the school day.
- Long sleeve undershirts may not be worn under short sleeve uniform shirts.
- Caps of all types must be worn properly and are not permitted to be worn indoors (bills of baseball caps facing forward only).
- Hairstyles must be neat, well-groomed, and appropriate. Dying hair unnatural colors (pink, purple, green, blue, etc.) is not permitted. In case of doubt, the Principal and/or the Vice Principal will decide whether a particular style or hair color may be worn.

***SJA outerwear sold at our campus bookstore may be worn on campus.**

Not allowed:

****Hooded Sweatshirts:** After consultation with law enforcement, it has been decided that as a method to improve student identification and overall campus security, hooded sweatshirts (hoodies) are not allowed to be worn during the school day. Any hooded sweatshirt will be confiscated by the Administration; instead, students are encouraged to purchase the approved non-hooded SJA outerwear.

Visible body piercing or tattoos

Clothing that is torn or tattered

Flannel shirts

Yoga pants

Jeggings

Studded belts, wrist bands, and other non-uniform accessories

Sandals or rubber flip-flops

Slogans or writing on T-shirts worn under shirts or blouses

Backless shoes, backless tennis shoes, or clogs

Any apparel, jewelry, manicures, haircut, or hair-style deemed inappropriate by the administration

Dress-Down Days

Students are allowed to wear jeans and a designated SJA spirit shirt (may be purchased at the SJA Bookstore) on designated days. Many dress down days require a small contribution in exchange for the privilege of wearing jeans. On such days, students must purchase and display the official "bracelet" (or other token) in order to dress-down. **Dress Down Day bracelets must be worn throughout the school day.** Any student who does not wear a jeans day bracelet and who is not dressed according to normal dress code is considered in violation of the dress code and may face disciplinary consequences, including disciplinary detention.

Students who choose not to participate are to be dressed according to normal dress code.

While other regulations may apply on specific jeans days, students must dress in good taste at all times. Acceptability of dress on dress down days will be determined by the administration.

The following are **prohibited:**

- Sandals, flip flops,
- Capri pants, shorts, sweat pants, wind pants, PJ pants, yoga pants, "jeggings"
- Sleeveless shirts, halter tops, see-through tops, crop tops,
- Clothing with holes or ripped/torn jeans.
- Clothing that exposes the midriff or lower back to any degree at any time, including with arms raised.

Students in violation of jeans day regulations will be asked to change and/or given disciplinary consequences. Students who refuse to comply will be suspended from classes and/or sent home.