

Cathedral School Dress Code

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Cathedral School's Dress Code:

1. Creates a sense of school spirit and belonging to Cathedral;
2. Ensures the equality of all students regardless of race, gender, or financial standing;
3. Promotes the Gospel message that each person is special in the eyes of God.

The goal of this policy is to align the Dress Code with our Cathedral mission and traditions, with safety and health issues, and with relatively easy implementation and enforcement.

Dress Code

It is the responsibility of parents to send their child(ren) to school in uniform. Students will also be held responsible for properly wearing their uniforms. **The uniforms must be neat, clean, and fit properly.**

Shirts Students in Grades K-8 shall wear a long or short-sleeved white polo shirt or blouse with a collar. Grades 7 and 8 students may also wear a long or short-sleeved **navy polo** with collar. No shirts shall have emblems, colored trim, or ruffles. **Shirts must be tucked in at all times.** *If families have already purchased light blue shirts for this coming school year, students may wear them for this school year only.*

T-shirts **Only the green Cathedral t-shirts may be worn to school. The only exception is the LYTE youth group t-shirt, which may only be worn on the days LYTE meets or for Parish Nights.** Other exceptions may be made at the principal's discretion for special events. **Shirts must be tucked in at all times.**

Undershirts **ONLY solid white undershirts, tanks, or camisoles are to be worn under "best uniform" shirts/blouses.** Long-sleeved t-shirts, **white or navy only**, may only be worn under the **navy polo or the green uniform t-shirts.** **Shirts must be tucked in at all times.**

Jumpers/ Skirts

Black Watch Plaid jumpers shall be worn by girls in Kindergarten – 4th grade and Black Watch Plaid skirts shall be worn by the girls in Grades 5-8. Jumpers and skirts shall not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. **Only navy or black shorts or leggings shall be worn under jumpers and skirts. Shorts shall not be visible.**

Pants

Solid navy blue pants may be worn by any students in Grades K-8. Students in Grades 7 & 8 ONLY may also wear dress khaki slacks. Only "Docker" style slacks. No cargo or carpenter-style slacks. No contrasting topstitching or labels. No jeans or jean-like material.

Walking Shorts

Walking shorts, knee length, may be worn during daylight savings time from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. They may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. They must be navy in color for grades pre-K thru 6. Students in grades 7 and 8 may also wear khaki shorts. Cargo shorts, or carpenter style shorts are not allowed.

- Leggings** Only Navy or black leggings may be worn under skirts and jumpers. **NO sweats, pajama bottoms, yoga pants, or other type of leg coverings will be allowed under skirts and jumpers.**
- Belts** Belts are required if pants/shorts have belt loops. **Belts should be brown or black, or the same color as the pants/shorts. Embellishments, decorations, or designs on the belts should be minimal.**
- Socks** Socks must be visible and worn at all times. **Matching socks must be white, gray, navy or black. No brightly colored, mismatched, or multi-colored socks are allowed.**
- Shoes** Shoes must be in good condition. Because of safety concerns, no shoes or sandals with open toes or open heels may be worn. **Ugg style boots and Wellies are only allowed in cold, inclement weather.**
- Sweaters** Sweaters are optional. If a student wears a sweater to school, it must be solid white or navy and free of colored designs or emblems. It may be a pull-over, cardigan, or sweater vest.
- Sweatshirts** **Only** Cathedral School sweatshirts/hoodies may be worn in the classroom. **Hoodies are NOT allowed during Mass. ONLY the crewneck navy or white sweatshirts, or the navy zip-front Cathedral logo sweatshirts may be worn during Mass.**
- Hair** Hair should be clean and neat. Students must keep their hair out of their eyes and off of their face. Longer bangs must be kept out of the face with appropriate hair accessories. **Boys' hair must be at or above the collar, (collar of the "Best Uniform" shirts, not t-shirts).**
- Jewelry** For safety reasons, the wearing of jewelry is discouraged, especially large earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. If jewelry is worn, it must be discreet. **No jewelry is allowed to be worn in piercings other than ears.**
- Make-up** Make-up is highly discouraged. If make-up is worn, it must be very discreet and of good taste.

Best Uniform

On days when students attend Mass or special events, they are to wear their "Best Uniform." Girls shall wear their Black Watch jumper or skirt with a white, polo style uniform shirt or blouse. Boys shall wear their uniform slacks with a white, collared, polo style, uniform shirt. Only Cathedral School logo sweatshirts in navy or white are allowed as part of the "best uniform" during Masses.

Dress-Up Days

On these days including School Picture Day, students are to come to school dressed nicely. Girls shall wear modest and appropriate dresses, skirts, or slack outfits. Shoulders, chests, stomachs and backs must be covered. Dresses and skirts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Boys shall wear shirts and slacks. Nice walking shorts may also be worn during shorts season as long as they, too, are not shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Jeans and sweats may not be worn. All students must wear socks, stockings, or tights. Uniforms are always optional on these days.

Dress-Down Days

Sweat outfits and jeans may be worn on these days. Shorts may be worn during the “shorts season” as indicated under Walking Shorts above; sports shorts should be appropriate length such as basketball-length shorts. **NO short running shorts are allowed.** T-shirts or sweatshirts with inappropriate messages or images may NEVER be worn. Socks must be worn. Jeans should not have excessive rips, tears, cut areas, or holes that expose skin. No yoga pants, spandex or tight fitting clothing may ever be worn. Shoulders, chests, stomachs and backs must be covered. Remember, modesty is “key.” If you have to question the appropriateness of your attire, you already know that it is not appropriate.

Graduation

Graduation always occurs in the Cathedral. As it is in a church setting, modesty in regard to all graduation attire is mandatory. Shoulders, chests, stomachs and backs must be covered. The young ladies shall wear appropriate length dresses with a minimum of two inch wide straps at the shoulders. Dresses and skirts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. No halter style or backless dresses may be worn. For graduation attire, the young men shall wear long sleeved shirts, dress slacks, dress shoes and a tie. A suit or sports jacket is optional.

Uniform Enforcement

Students will be held responsible for being out of uniform, including untucked shirttails. Students in grades 4 thru 8 will be given check marks for being out of uniform. A total of 3 check marks will result in a detention. Detention time will increase with additional checks due to uniform infractions. If the Dress Code continues to be violated, a conference will be held with the principal, the parents, and the student.

Purchasing Uniforms

Uniforms, specifically the Black Watch plaid jumpers and skirts, may be ordered from the Dennis Uniform Manufacturing Company in Overland Park, KS – (913)-381-6500. The code for Cathedral is I21. Order forms and price lists are available in the school office. Department stores such as Dillard’s, Sears, JC Penney, Old Navy, and others regularly carry uniform clothing. School t-shirts and sweatshirts are available at school.

There is also a free uniform exchange program available through the school office. For more information, please call the school office at 232-8486.