

## Saint Charles Dress Code

St. Charles School believes that an appropriate dress code is important in educating our students. It is our goal, at Saint Charles School to have a uniform that allows some choice while eliminating competition in style or fashion among the students. Our students are recognized in the community by their uniforms. Your consistency and conscientiousness in following the standards and regulations stated in the Uniform Code are required. Uniform policy does not change to reflect current trends and fads.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT JUST BECAUSE A SPECIFIC ITEM IS NOT LISTED AS “NOT PERMITTED” DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY THAT IT IS PERMISSIBLE.**

### BOYS

1. Solid black or navy dress **pants** of polyester, twill, or corduroy must be worn. Pockets (inside only) must be located at the waist or hips. Belt loops or elastic waistbands are permitted. If pants with belt loops are worn, a solid-colored belt of black, brown, or navy must be worn. However, belts are optional for Kindergarten and Grade 1 boys and girls. Jeans of any color denim, cargo pants, and knit stretch pants are not permitted. **Uniform pants may be purchased at our uniform company or any reputable department store.**
2. **Shorts** may be worn in August, September, October and April, May, June. These shorts must be polyester or twill, navy in color and no shorter than 3-4” above the knee from a kneeling position. Belt loops or elastic waistbands are permitted. If shorts with belt loops are worn, a solid-colored belt of black, brown, or navy must be worn. However, belts are optional for Kindergarten and Grade 1 boys and girls. **Uniform shorts may be purchased at our uniform company or any reputable department store.**
3. Solid white or maroon, long or short-sleeved **shirts** or polo/golf shirts with turned-down collars and buttoned the entire length of the shirt except for the top two buttons, must be worn. These shirts must be neatly tucked in at all times. White turtleneck jerseys are permitted only if worn under a pullover sweater or sweatshirt. Shirts cannot be over-sized or have over-sized pockets, monograms, emblems, or labels. **White uniform shirts may be purchased at our uniform company or any reputable department store. Maroon uniform shirts must be purchased from our uniform company or school spirit wear.** Polo shirts with Saint Charles imprint are permitted and can be purchased from the Home and School Association.
4. Solid navy, black, or white **socks** must be worn at all times. Socks cannot have decorative trim or trademark logo and can be of ankle (**must cover the ankle**) or mid-calf styles. “No show” socks may be worn but **only with pants**.

5. **Hair** should be kept neat, trimmed, and well-groomed. The length of hair should not exceed the bottom of the earlobes on the side, the base of the neck in back, and the eyebrows in front. Hair coloring is not permitted. If hair is highlighted, it must be simple and natural-looking. Extreme styles, such as designs or words cut in the hair, tails, or ponytails are not permitted. Boys should be clean-shaven, with no beards or mustaches.
6. **Jewelry** can be worn if simple, small and in good taste. Earrings may not be worn. The wearing of jewelry related to body piercing is not permitted. Visible tattoos are not permitted.

## **GIRLS**

1. A pleated or tunic style uniform **jumper** may be worn in grades K-4. A uniform **skirt**, kilt style or pleated style, may be worn in grades 5-8. Both the jumper and the skirt's length must be no shorter than 2" above the knee from a kneeling position. **Jumpers and skirts must be purchased from our uniform company.**
2. Solid black or navy dress **pants** of polyester, twill, or corduroy may be worn. Pockets (inside only) must be located at the waist or hips. Belt loops or elastic waistbands are permitted. If pants with belt loops are worn, a solid-colored belt of black, brown, or navy must be worn. However, belts are optional for Kindergarten and Grade 1 boys and girls. Jeans of any color denim, cargo pants, and knit stretch pants are not permitted. **Uniform pants may be purchased at our uniform company or any reputable department store.**
3. A plaid uniform **SKORT** is also permitted. **Skorts must be purchased from our uniform company.** These skorts must be no shorter than 3-4" above the knee from a kneeling position.
4. **Shorts** may be worn in August, September, October and April, May, June. These shorts must be polyester or twill, navy in color and no shorter than 3-4" above the knee from a kneeling position. Belt loops or elastic waistbands are permitted. If shorts with belt loops are worn, a solid-colored belt of black, brown, or navy must be worn. However, belts are optional for Kindergarten and Grade 1 boys and girls. **Uniform shorts may be purchased at our uniform company or any reputable department store.**
5. A solid white blouse or maroon or white, long or short-sleeved polo/golf **shirt** with a turned down collar must be worn and neatly tucked in and buttoned to normal length. No long, oversized shirts may be worn. No cap sleeves. No plaids, stripes, prints, sequins, emblems, logos, ornaments, ruffles, lace edging or sheer blouses are permitted. Turtleneck or mock turtleneck jerseys are permitted only if worn under a

pullover sweater, sweatshirt, or jumper. **White uniform shirts may be purchased at our uniform company or any reputable department store. Maroon uniform shirts must be purchased from our uniform company or school spirit wear.** Polo shirts with Saint Charles imprint are permitted and can be purchased from the Home and School Association.

6. Solid navy, black, or white **socks or tights** must be worn at all times. Socks are permitted to be ankle (***must cover the ankle***) or mid-calf style (knee-highs). Socks and tights cannot have decorative trim or trademark logos on them. "No show" socks may be worn but ***only with pants***.
7. **Hair** should be well-groomed and worn in an appropriate style for school. Hair coloring is not permitted. If hair is highlighted, it must be simple and natural-looking. No extreme hair styles are permitted. Hair ornaments must compliment the uniform and be simple, small, and in good taste. Simple **headbands** may be worn but not scarves with long tails.
8. **Jewelry** can be worn if simple, small and in good taste. Girls are permitted to wear one pierced earring in each ear. Long earrings or excessive jewelry may not be worn. The wearing of jewelry related to body piercing is not permitted. Visible tattoos are not permitted.
9. **Make-up** in the forms of lip gloss (pale pink shades only) and blush (pale shades only) may be worn by 8th grade girls only. No other forms of make-up are permitted. Nail polish may be worn by all grade level girls and must be clear or pink only.

## **ALL STUDENTS**

1. **Shoes** must be solid black, brown, or navy, or two similar shades (i.e., black/brown, brown/tan, black/charcoal, etc. - not contrasting colors, e.g. black/tan) flat or low-heeled (under 2 inches), sensible style, **must have full backs** and have a **non-slip, non-marking sole**. Saddle shoes may be worn but must be navy/white or black/white and low-cut style (below ankle bone). Not permitted are tennis shoes, athletic shoes (no matter what color), canvas shoes, sandals, slippers, moccasins, or boots of any style, crocs or clogs. During inclement weather, boots are permitted to be worn to and from school, but students must change into proper school shoes while at school.

**Kindergarten students** are permitted to wear sneakers or athletic shoes with their uniforms.

2. **Sweaters** must be solid navy, black, or **pure** white knit material (not oversized). Sweaters can be pullover, front-button or zipper, sleeveless or long sleeve. Sleeveless can be v-neck or vest style. Long sleeve can be v-neck or crew style. Pullovers must be

worn over a uniform blouse, shirt, or turtleneck. Front-button or zipper must be worn over a uniform blouse, shirt, or jumper. Sweaters are **not** permitted to be oversized or have a monogram, emblem, decorative trim or logo, or be of jersey-knit material, fleece, or velour. **No hoods on sweaters.**

3. **Sweatshirts** must be official Saint Charles School styles which can be purchased from the Home and School Association. No athletic sweatshirts or hoodies may be worn. Sweatshirts must be worn over a uniform shirt, blouse, turtleneck, or jumper.
4. Because of allergies of many children, only lightly-scented **colognes** are permitted - if worn at all.

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With the exception of the Official Saint Charles Spirit Wear, all clothing listed as the Official Saint Charles School Uniform can be purchased from:

Schoolbelles

**[www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com)**

7440 McKnight Rd.

4747 W. 160th Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Cleveland, OH 44135

(412) 630-8480

1-888-637-3037

Official Saint Charles Spirit Wear may be purchased through the Home and School Association.

**<http://stcharlesschoolboardman.com>** click on Spirit Wear

### **VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM CODE**

All homeroom teachers and school personnel will check violations of the uniform code. A student will be given a School Conduct Card if he or she is found to be in violation. This card will need to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school on the following day. After this, action will be taken according to the Discipline Code.

**Please do not test the limits of the dress code. We assume that each student will be in complete compliance at all times.**