

Uniform Policy for K-8 students

Students in grades K-8 are expected to wear school uniforms as described below and to follow the Out of Uniform policies for those occasions when uniforms are not worn to school. Parents are asked to monitor the dress of their child(ren) before they come to school. Faculty and staff members are expected to enforce the student dress code at all times through reasonable observation of the students.

VENDOR

You may only purchase approved uniform pieces from Educational Apparel. We also have a Used Uniform Sale twice a year at school. Used items may include previously approved items from French Toast or Land's End. Used items should match approved Educational Apparel items in pattern, color, and style.

- Educational Apparel options for purchasing:
 - Shop online www.educationalapparel.com - **Saint Michael School-Findlay #88**
 - Shop the store: Hilliard Store, 3906 Brown Park Dr., Hilliard, Ohio 43026
 - At-school sales: Held 3 times/year (summer, late fall, spring) in our building

TOPS

Tops are expected to be tucked in at all times. Only short-sleeved, plain white undershirts may be worn under uniform tops. No colored undergarments should be visible through school uniforms or gym clothes. School crest embroidery is optional.

| | Grade/Gender | Color Choices |
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| • Long and short-sleeved polo shirts (plain or embroidered) | K-8 boys/girls | green, white, and navy |
| • Long and short-sleeved button-down oxford shirts | K-8 boys/girls | white and blue |
| • Long and short-sleeved rounded collar blouse | K-8 girls | white |

LAYERING ITEMS

Must wear a regular school top with the following items. No other items (including coats or hoodies) are to be worn during the school day to keep warm.

| | Grade/Gender | Color Choices |
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| • St. Michael fleece w/embroidered crest | K-8 boys/girls | green/navy |
| • Sweatshirt w/embroidered crest | K-8 boys/girls | ash gray |
| • V-neck sweater vest (plain or embroidered) | K-8 boys/girls | navy |
| • Sweatshirt w/ plaid embroidered M | K-8 girls | ash gray |
| • Cardigan with rounded collar | K-8 girls | navy |

BOTTOMS

Be sure bottoms are fitted properly (correct length and not sagging). Skirts, jumpers, and skorts should be no more than 2" above the knee when measured from a kneeling position.

| | Grade/Gender | Color Choices |
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| • Shorts in flat or pleated styles | K-8 boys/girls | khaki/navy |
| • Pants in flat or pleated styles | K-8 boys/girls | khaki/navy |
| • Skort | K-8 girls | khaki/navy/plaid |
| • Jumper | K-6 girls | navy/plaid |
| • Skirt | 6-8 girls | khaki/navy/plaid |

BELTS

Belts are optional. If worn, belts must be plain.

Color Choices: black, brown, khaki, navy

SOCKS/LEGGINGS/HOSIERY

Socks, tights, or hose must be worn at all times. They must be plain in color with no visible logos showing. Leggings must be ankle length with no cutouts, embellishments, or special designs.

Color Choices

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| ● Socks | white, khaki, gray, black, navy |
| ● Leggings (girls) | white, gray, black, navy |
| ● Tights (girls) | white, gray, black, navy |
| ● Hose (girls) | nude/neutral |

SHOES

- Shoes must be in good condition and be fastened or tied at all times.
- All shoes must have an enclosed toe and heel or ankle strap.
- Tennis shoes are permitted.
- CROCS, fashion boots, sandals, and shoes that light up, roll, or are platform style are not permitted.
- Shoes must have no higher than a 1 ½" heel.
- Students are expected to have a clean pair of shoes that remain at school for gym.
- Boots may only be worn to/from school or during recess (regular shoes will be worn during the school day).

HAIR

Hair must be neat and clean. Hairstyle must not prohibit the ability to see or be seen. No fad-type haircuts, colored tinsel extensions, or unnatural coloring are permitted. Boys' hair must not reach the top of the collar and boys must be clean-shaven.

HAIR FASTENERS

Hair fasteners are for girls only and should be plain in style.

Color Choices

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| ● Headbands | 2 inches or less wide | white, khaki, gray, black, navy, uniform plaid |
| ● Bows | no large/distracting styles | white, khaki, gray, black, navy, uniform plaid |

NAILS AND MAKE-UP

Nail length must not inhibit a student from properly participating in any school classes or extracurricular activities. Nail polish should be one, solid color (no glitter or black). Girls in grades 7-8 may wear modest make-up (no glitter).

ACCESSORIES:

- EARRINGS: Posts or small hoops are permitted for girls in ears only (no dangling earrings).
- JEWELRY: Jewelry is permitted as long as it does not distract from education or pose a safety threat.
- WATCHES: Students may wear regular watches. Watches that call, text, game, etc are not permitted and must be kept in book bag or locker.

TATTOOS

Tattoos, including temporary or self-drawn tattoos, may not be visible during school or school activities.

EXEMPTIONS

The principal may determine necessary exemptions for medical needs. Uniforms for scouting are permitted on appropriate meeting days.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

The principal may schedule Out-of-Uniform Days. Dress must be modest and appropriate for our Christian environment. No offensive, political, or vulgar attire may be worn. Students may choose to “dress up” on Out-of-Uniform Days.

- Tops:
 - Proper length to cover midribs and shoulders (no spaghetti straps or tank tops)
 - Modest necklines
 - Hoodies are permitted, but hoods may not be worn on the head during the school day
 - Clean hemlines (no rips, tears, or cut-offs)
- Bottoms:
 - Proper dress code length (no shorter than 3” above the knee for skirts/dresses)
 - Clean hemlines (no rips, tears, or cut-offs)
 - Leggings are only permitted with a top long enough to cover the hips and butt or a skirt worn over the leggings
- Shoes:
 - Regular shoe policy with the exception of boots are allowed (no snow boots)
- Socks/leggings:
 - Must be worn
 - Can be any color or pattern and may contain logos

GYM UNIFORM

Grades K- 5:

- Clean pair of shoes to be kept at school and worn for gym only
- May wear the current year SMS spirit shirt on gym day (given to each student at the start of the year)
- Regular uniform bottoms

Grades 6-8:

- Clean pair of shoes to be kept at school and worn for gym only
- Any SMS spirit/club/team shirt or plain colored t-shirts with no writing/logos.
- Solid color shorts or athletic pants. Leggings and spandex type shorts not permitted.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

The administrators have the final say on any questionable items of clothing. If in doubt, please do not wear it.

1. Verbal warning with notice home (email, note, or phone call)
2. Parent called to bring a change of clothes. Student will remain in office until change of clothing arrives.
3. Loss of Out of Uniform privileges
4. Student serves after-school detention (parent must pick up at 3:30 pm)