



Middle School Dress Code

ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL

Appropriateness of overall appearance will be left to the discretion of the administration. The Headmaster, Division Principals and Dean of Students reserve the right to address inappropriate appearance that does not meet the dress code requirements. If students have questions about a specific article of clothing, they are encouraged to bring it to their grade chair or advisor for approval. With dress code issues it is much better to ask permission than to suffer the consequences.

While on St. David's campus, students are expected to meet the dress code at all times. The students' dress should reflect pride in their school and respect for themselves. The ultimate goal of the dress code is to teach the students to dress in a respectful, modest, and professional manner. Enforcement of the dress code, like all other discipline matters, is based on cooperation between students, parents, and the school. The school, however, is the final authority on dress code and other discipline issues. If, in the opinion of the school, a student's dress is inappropriate, the student will receive a demerit. Additionally, the student will be asked to call a parent requesting an acceptable outfit be brought to school. If a parent's schedule prevents them from bringing a change of clothes, then the student will be allowed to attend all classes; however, all free time, lunch time, and after school time will be spent in the Middle School office until the student is picked up by the parent.

Clothes must be in good condition, neat, clean, pressed, and must fit properly. Items that are torn or cut in any way are prohibited. Only St. David's School insignia may be worn on collared shirts with the exception of brand names and logos smaller than two inches square.

All clothing must be clearly marked with the student's name. The school cannot be responsible for articles left at school. Unclaimed clothes not picked up after specified dates will be donated to charity.

Boys' Dress

Pants and Shorts:

Boys may wear dress shorts or pants. They may be solid-color, madras, stripes, or plaids. Boys must wear a belt at all times.

The following pants/shorts are not permitted:

- Cargo pants/ shorts
- Athletic shorts/pants (sweat pants)
- Cut-offs of any kind
- Camouflage, denim, or workmen-type clothing (e.g., bib overalls)

Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, and Jackets:

Boys are to wear a collared shirt at all times while on campus. Shirts may be solid or striped and must be tucked in at all times while on campus during school hours. Sweaters must have a shirt collar visible underneath. Properly fitting fleece jackets, St. David's team jackets, and St. David's sweatshirts are permitted **with the exception of Chapel Day**.

The following are not permitted:

- Hooded sweatshirts, hooded sweaters, and/or hooded fleece jackets
- Sweatshirts, other than St. David's sweatshirts
- Oversized jackets
- Camouflage, denim, or workmen-type coats or jackets

Footwear and Accessories:

Boys may wear tennis shoes, sandals with a strap around the heel, boots, and boat/deck shoes. Socks are not required (except for Chapel Day).

The following shoes are not permitted:

- Rainbows®
- Crocs®
- Combat/military style boots

The following accessories are not permitted:

- Earrings or any other body piercing
- Chains or necklaces longer than 18 inches
- Chains protruding from pants pockets
- Spiked or studded belts, and/or necklaces
- Hats are not to be worn during school hours.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.

Girls' Dress

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Skorts, Dresses:

Girls may wear pants, Capri pants, skirts, skorts, shorts, jumpers with dress code T-shirts, and dresses. They may be solid-color, madras, stripes, plaids, prints or flowers. Pants, skirts, skorts, shorts, and dresses must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee and must not be tight fitting.

The following are not permitted:

- Pants, shorts, skorts with a drawstring
- Athletic shorts and/or pants
- Camouflage, denim, or workmen-type clothing (e.g., bib overalls)
- Pants, Capri-pants, skirts, skorts, shorts, and dresses with glitter and/or sequins
- Cutoffs of any kind

Tops, Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, and Jackets:

Dress tops, shirts with a collar, and dress T-shirts, solid or print will be permitted. These may be tucked or untucked and must be long enough to cover the midriff while standing, sitting, or bending down. All tops are to have a minimum of a 3-inch wide shoulder strap. Camisoles are permitted when used as an under layer for coverage purposes. Fleece jackets, St. David's team jackets, and St. David's sweatshirts are permitted **with the exception of Chapel Day**. All jackets must fit properly.

The following are not permitted:

- T-shirts with writing, including St. David's T-shirts
- Sweatshirts, other than St. David's sweatshirts
- Hooded sweatshirts and/or sweaters
- Camisole tops with lace trim
- Tops, shirts, and/or sweaters with glitter or sequins
- Low cut necklines that expose cleavage, even if a camisole top is worn underneath
- Tops, shirts, and/or sweaters that expose the back or the midriff
- Halter-tops
- Layering of tops: using multiple spaghetti-strapped shirts and/or tank tops
- Camouflage, denim, or workmen-type coats or jackets
- Outdoor clothing worn in the classroom

Footwear and Accessories:

Shoes must be worn at all times. Girls may wear tennis shoes, boots, dress sandals with a strap between the toes and a flat heel, and boat/deck shoes. Girls may, but are not required to wear, socks, tights, and hose.

The following shoes are not permitted:

- Rainbows®
- Crocs®
- Flip-flops with rubber or flat soles
- Heels of any kind (with the exception of Chapel Day)
- Combat/military style boots

Girls may wear earrings but are limited to two earrings per ear lobe. Earrings should not be larger than 2 inches in size. Discrete necklaces and bracelets are permitted.

The following are not permitted:

- Body piercing, with the exception of the ear lobes
- Chains protruding from pants pockets
- Accessories with spikes or studs or inappropriate symbols
- No hats of any style during school hours
- Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.

Chapel Dress

Throughout the school year, students are required to wear formal Chapel dress. Chapel dress for grades five through eight will be every **Thursday**. Students are expected to remain in their Chapel dress throughout the entire day.

The following is the required Chapel dress:

Chapel Dress for Boys

- Long khaki colored dress pants with a brown, black, or cordovan belt
- A white long-sleeve button-down dress shirt with a collar
- St. David's school tie (purchased from the main division office)
- Brown, black, or cordovan boat/deck shoes or dress shoes. Dress socks, socks that fall above the ankle, must be worn on chapel days.
- If an undershirt is worn it must be solid white with no logos.
- In cold weather the following may be added to the above required clothing:
 - A navy blue sport jacket or
 - A solid navy or white V-neck, crew-neck, cardigan, dress sweater or vest

The following are not permitted on Chapel Day:

- Cargo and Carhartt® workman type pants
- Patterned dress sweaters and vests
- Fleece jackets, St. David's Team jackets, sweatshirts, or hooded dress sweaters
- Belts with patterns
- Boots of any kind, this includes hiking boots, dress boots, cowboy or military style boots

Chapel Dress for Girls

- **A knee-length navy blue skirt.** Please see the Uniform Women's Regular Solid A-line Skirt from Land' End® (Item # 25021-2BP9) as an example of what is acceptable.
- A long sleeve or three-quarter sleeve length plain white (no pattern), blouse with a button-down collar. This shirt needs to also be long enough to tuck into the skirt and must remain tucked in throughout the day. **OR** a white sweater set (white cardigan sweater with a white dress T-shirt).
- Black, brown, navy or white dress shoes or sandals or boat/deck shoes. Dress shoes may be open-toed and have a heel no higher than 2 ½ inches.
- If an undershirt is worn it must be solid white with no logos.
- Solid white or navy socks may be worn with the Chapel dress.
- In cold weather girls may wear the following in addition to the above required clothing:

- Hose or solid white or navy tights
- A solid white or navy blue cardigan, V-neck, crewneck sweater, or a solid white or navy blue dress vest with the collared white blouse. The navy sweater needs to match the navy skirt.

The following are not permitted on Chapel Day:

- Fleece jackets or team sport jackets, St. David's sweatshirts inside the Chapel or classroom
- Sweatshirts, hooded dress sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, and/or hooded jackets
- Boots of any kind, this includes including hiking boots, rain boots, Uggs®, cowboy or military-style boots
- Patterned socks and/or tights
- Leggings
- Flip-flops or flip-flop style sandals
- Scarves

Festive Chapel

From time to time the school will allow students to dress in their "Sunday best" for chapel days. These chapel days are called Festive Chapel Day and will occur on chapel days which are every Thursday. When this occurs students are given the following parameters

Boys:

Dress pants, long sleeve, dress shirt with a collar, and a tie. The color of the pants and shirt are up to the student. The tie does not need to be the St. David's School tie. Dress shoes with socks are still expected.

Girls:

Dress or skirt may be worn. Dress code length is expected. Tops are to follow the same dress code expectations. Shoes may be any color; however, heels higher than 2 ½ inches are strongly discouraged.

Dance Dress

Regular school dress code applies to all Middle School dances.

Grooming

All St. David's students are expected to keep their hair neat and in good taste. Distracting hairstyles and/or drastic changes in hair color or style will not be tolerated. A boy's hair should not touch the top of his collar, fall below the bridge of his nose, or be worn in a ponytail. Boys should also not wear facial hair of any kind, including sideburns that extend below the bottom of the earlobe.

Dress Down Days

Throughout the school year, the school will have Dress Down days to foster school spirit. The typical Dress Down Day allows students to wear blue jeans, appropriate T-shirts (may be untucked), sweatshirts, flip flops, crocs, and tennis shoes. On specific theme days, athletic shorts and/or sweatpants may be permitted. Clothing worn on a Dress Down Day must still be clean, without holes, and adhere to dress code length and modesty. Clothing with symbols or messages inconsistent with the mission of the school will not be allowed.

P.E. Uniforms

P.E. uniforms consist of a gray, St. David's T-shirt and navy blue athletic shorts. The gray St. David's T-shirts must be purchased from the school. Students must provide their own dress-code length navy blue athletic shorts. Appropriate athletic shoes and white athletic socks are also required.



ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL
Dress Code Agreement

Parents and students must sign and return the following on or before August 1, 2011.

Student:

I have read and understand the St. David's Dress Code Policy. As a member of the St. David's community I want to reflect in both action and dress the values of this educational institution. Therefore, by signing this document, I pledge to follow the St. David's Dress Code Policy. I also understand that St. David's faculty and staff reserve the right to determine if my dress is not within dress code. If a faculty or staff member determines that I am not in dress code I will accept their judgment and call home for a change of clothes. If I am unable to obtain a change of clothes, then I understand I will immediately be assigned a demerit (please see *Code of Conduct*).

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

Parent:

I have read and understand the St. David's Dress Code Policy. As a parent of the St. David's community I want my student to reflect in both action and dress the values of this educational institution. Therefore, by signing this document, I pledge to help my student follow the St. David's Dress Code Policy. As a parent I also understand that St. David's faculty and staff reserve the right to determine if my student's dress is not within dress code. If a faculty or staff member determines that my student is not in dress code I will accept their judgment and, if possible, bring to school a change of clothes for my student. If I am unable to meet that obligation, I understand my student will immediately be assigned a demerit (please see *Code of Conduct*).

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)