



## Upper 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.

#### *Upper School Dress Code*

##### **Boys' Dress**

###### *Pants and Shorts:*

Boys may wear dress shorts or pants. They may be solid-color, madras, stripes, or plaids.

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. Sweaters must have a shirt collar visible underneath. Properly fitting fleece jackets and St. David's team jackets are permitted with the exception of Chapel Day.

###### *The following are not permitted:*

- T-shirts with writing, including St. David's T-shirts
- Sweatshirts, other than St. David's (not hooded) sweatshirts
- Hooded sweatshirts and/or fleece jackets
- Oversized jackets
- Camouflage, denim, or workmen-type coats or jackets

###### *Footwear and Accessories:*

Boys may wear dress shoes, sandals with a strap around the heel, boots, and top-siders. Socks are not required (except for Chapel Day).

*The following shoes are not permitted:*

- Athletic/tennis shoes
- Rainbows®
- Crocs®
- Combat/military style boots

Boys must wear a belt at all times.

*The following are not permitted:*

- Tattoos
- 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, bandanas, and other headgear are not to be worn during school hours
- Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building

### **Girls' Dress**

*Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Dresses:*

Girls may wear pants, capri-pants, skirts, shorts, and dresses. They may be solid-color, madras, stripes, plaids, prints or flowers. Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee and not tight fitting.

*The following are not permitted:*

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

*Tops, Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, and Jackets:*

Dress tops and shirts with a collar, 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. Sweater sets and dress sweaters are permitted. Fleece jackets and St. David's team jackets 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 (not hooded) 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 boots, dress sandals with a strap between the toes and a flat heel, and top-siders. 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 higher than 3 inches
- Combat/military style boots

Girls may wear earrings of appropriate size but limited to two earrings per ear lobe. Discrete necklaces and bracelets are permitted.

### *The following are not permitted:*

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

### ***Chapel Dress for Grades 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>***

Throughout the school year, students are required to wear formal Chapel dress on Thursdays. Students are expected to remain in their Chapel dress throughout the entire time while on campus. 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 top-siders, 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 Carhart®, workman type pants
- Patterned dress sweaters and vests
- Fleece jackets, St. David's team jackets, sweatshirts, or hooded dress sweaters
- Boots of any kind, this includes hiking 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® as an example of what is acceptable
- A long sleeve plain white (no pattern), button-down blouse with a collar. Three-quarter sleeve length is permitted. 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
- Black, brown, navy or white dress shoes or sandals or top-siders. Dress shoes may be open-toed
- 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. The navy sweater needs to match the navy skirt.

*The following are not permitted on Chapel Day:*

- Fleece jackets or team sport jackets worn inside the chapel or classroom
- Sweatshirts, or hooded dress sweaters
- Boots of any kind, this includes hiking boots, rain boots, Uggs<sup>®</sup>, cowboy or military style boots
- Patterned socks and/or tights
- Leggings
- Flip-flops or flip-flop style sandals

*Dance Dress for Upper School students*

St. David's students and their dates will be expected to dress modestly for dances. Students arriving at a dance with inappropriate clothing will be asked to leave. Extremely bare backs, low-cut fronts, and bare midriffs will not be tolerated. Thin straps and dresses with no straps are permissible if the overall outfit is modest. If there are any questions about the acceptability of an outfit, students may bring the outfit to school for consultation with their advisor.

*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 Student Council Association will sponsor 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 2, 2010.

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*).

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(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*).

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(Parent's Signature)

(Date)