

## ST. MARY'S ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE-2017-18

In order for students and teachers to optimize their time together, SMA insists on modest attire. **The school reserves the right to require offending students to cover themselves, change clothes, or remove distracting jewelry or make-up.** If a student receives three dress code infractions, he she will check in each morning before attending classes for a designated period of time. In some cases, per grade-level, a dress code infraction precludes being free to participate in the Friday dress-down day. Thank you for supporting the dress code.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

#### **Blouses/Shirts/Tops**

- Cleavage, shoulders and undergarments must be covered.
- Necklines must be high and close enough to the body so that cleavage is not seen when bending.
- May have small logos of at most 1.5 inches squared.
- Sleeves are required. Collars are not required but are allowed.
- See-through material that reveals underwear is unacceptable. Wear tighter weaves that do not show underwear or add a sweater/jacket.
- Neck and shoulder straps are not allowed nor are low lines in the back.
- Shirts that fall off of the shoulders are not allowed.
- Official SMA shirts are allowed. Other school's logos are not allowed.

#### **Skirts/Shorts/Dresses/Pants**

- All skirts, dresses and shorts must be 4" above the ground when kneeling with straight upper body.
- Shorts and pants must have usable pockets and zipper rather than being pull on leggings with fake pockets and/or zipper.
- Leggings are allowed if worn with a hemline falling at fingertips when arms are held at rest.
- Traditional denim blue jeans are not allowed. Ripped jeans of any color are never allowed even on dress-down days.

#### **Hoodies/Jackets/Fleece**

- 1.5in<sup>2</sup> logos or smaller are allowed.
- Official SMA hoodies and fleeces are allowed.
- Other school hoodies and clothing are not allowed, even on dress-down days.

**Shoes**

- Toes must be covered and heels no more than 1.5” in height.
- Sandals and flip-flops are not allowed even on dress-down days.

**Not Allowed:**

- Hats inside the building;
- Sweats, sports apparel; sweats (athletic wear is for PE/sports practices)

**Not Allowed even on Dress-Down Days:**

- Unhemmed, torn, or frayed clothing;
- Sleeveless, see-through or low-neckline tops;
- Short shorts or any shorts unless within four inches of the knees;
- Low-riding pants or shorts that result in visible undergarments;
- Visible midriff, cleavage, or undergarments;
- Pajamas;
- Leggings/yoga pants unless shirt hem falls at fingertips.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS****Shirts**

- Shirts must have collars, buttons or snaps, and sleeves.
- Solid, striped, flowered, or checked patterns are allowed.
- May have small logos of at most 1.5 inches squared.
- Official SMA shirts are allowed.
- Other school’s logos are not allowed.

**Shorts and Pants**

- Solids or patterns are allowed.
- Athletic shorts and sweats are not allowed.
- Traditional denim blue jeans are not allowed. Ripped jeans are never allowed even on dress-down days.

**Hoodies/Jackets/Fleece**

- 1.5in<sup>2</sup> logos or smaller are allowed.
- Official SMA hoodies and fleeces are allowed.
- Other school’s logos are not allowed, even on dress-down days.

## **Shoes**

- Shoes that fully enclose the feet.
- Sandals and flip-flops are not allowed even on dress-down days.

### **Not Allowed:**

- Hats inside the building;
- Sweats, sports apparel; sweats (athletic wear is for PE/sports practices)

### **Not Allowed even on Dress-Down Days:**

- Unhemmed, torn, or frayed clothing;
- Sleeveless shirts;
- Undershirts;
- Short shorts or any shorts unless within four inches of the knees;
- Low-riding pants or shorts that result in visible undergarments;
- Pajamas;
- Other school's logos or inappropriate logos.

## **DRESS-DOWN-NOT-TOO-FAR-DOWN DAYS?**

Dress-down days are when students can wear jeans and athletic, sports clothes. Please refer to the Not Allowed even on Dress-Down Days listing above. Truly, these days are dress-down-not-to-far-down days.

What about . . .

**Hair?** Hair that falls into the eyes must be secured back during the school day and when representing the school at functions.

**Hair Color?** Natural hair colors & tints; clean.

**Make-up?** A modest amount is acceptable.

**Jewelry?** Non-distracting.

**Socks?** RECOMMENDED for school and sports.

**Personal Hygiene?** Brush teeth, shower/bathe, and **use deodorant daily**.