



## **Non-Uniform Dress Code**

***Free dress is a fun way for our students to express their individuality and to take a break from wearing the school uniform. The purpose of St. Mary's Uniform and Non-Uniform Dress Code is threefold: to maintain modesty in appearance, to allow students to maintain their academic focus, and to support student success through a neat appearance. Dress codes/uniforms have proven to increase student achievement by encouraging students to concentrate more on their studies and less on their wardrobes.***

### **Below are reminders about the non-uniform dress code:**

1. Jeans are acceptable if they are clean and in good condition with no rips or holes. Skirts must not be more than four inches above the knee. No short shorts, or short shorts with tights underneath. No low-cut tops are allowed. Oversized clothing is not to be worn. All pants must fit properly. No "bagging" or "sagging" pants.
2. Shirts that are worn outside the pants must hang below, not even, with the waistband of pants. For girls, sleeveless tops that are 3" wide at the shoulder are OK. No tank tops for boys or girls. Sleeveless sports jerseys must have a t-shirt underneath. Blouses and tops must be either tucked in or hang far enough below the waistband so that no bare stomachs/midriiffs are exposed. Bare midriff tops, tank tops and spaghetti straps are not allowed. Dress should be modest at all times.
3. Blouses or tops must be made from opaque material (no see-through.)
4. Clothing, including facial masks, may not bear messages inconsistent with the goals and philosophy of St. Mary's School. (i.e., no alcohol, drug, tobacco, gang-related messages.)
5. Athletic/tennis/shoes in colors and styles other than the uniform shoe are acceptable. Any style sock is allowed. The goal is that the shoe is safe for PE, the playground and the field. No sandals, Crocs, jellies, backless, flip flops, platforms or high heels of any type are permitted.

***Any student not attired according to the dress code will be sent to the office to find appropriate items in the uniform closet or to call home.***

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