

St. Francis of Assisi
UNIFORM DRESS CODE POLICY
Vendor: Educational Outfitters

Parents are responsible for ensuring that students are PROPERLY attired. Since it is impossible to identify in advance all possible deviations from acceptable dress and grooming, the administration reserves the right to determine what is acceptable. In all cases, the decision of the principal will be final. All uniform items must be purchased from Educational Outfitters with the exceptions noted below.

As one important aspect of the goal of uniforms is to de-emphasize material-based (clothing and accessories) competition among students, we ask that parents be mindful in choosing the accessories their children wear to school. When possible, please avoid predominantly placed brand name labels or logos on the accessories your child wears to school. This includes, but is not limited to, headbands and jewelry.

Transition Years

2017-2018 School Year

- Students K-6 will be required to use Educational Outfitters exclusively.
- Knit dresses are permitted.
- 7th-8th may wear the old uniform in it's entirety- just not the old plaid.
- **None of the old plaid will be allowed for any grade.**

2018-2019 School Year

- Students K-7 will be required to wear the uniform outlined below from Educational Outfitters.
- 8th grade may wear the old uniform in its entirety - just not the old plaid.
- Any Lands' End or other uniform pieces may be donated back to SFA to be donated to an impoverished Catholic school in Flint.
- St. Francis will continue to accept donations of uniforms from Educational Outfitters and maintain a uniform closet for all families.

2019-2020 School Year

- **ALL students will be required to wear the uniform outlined below from Educational Outfitters.**
- Any Lands' End or other uniform pieces may be donated back to SFA to be donated to an impoverished Catholic school in Detroit.
- St. Francis will continue to accept donations of uniforms from Educational Outfitters and maintain a uniform closet for all families.

Students who do not comply with the uniform dress code policy will be sent to the office for an administrative review. If a student receives three dress code related referrals, the student will be issued a service requirement/detention. Continued non-compliance may result in other disciplinary actions that may include having Dress-Down Day or SpiritWear Day privileges revoked.

All new items must/will be monogrammed with the school logo, which is the dove logo with the school name below it.

Girls Only: Jumpers

- Drop-waist only
- Plaid or navy
- Length must be no more than 2 inches above the ground when the student is kneeling.
- Tight-fitting sport shorts or undershorts should be worn underneath jumpers, or navy leggings may be worn underneath jumpers. No lace or embellishments.

Girls Only: Knit Dresses

- Navy dresses only with monogram.

Girls Only: Skirts

- Plaid or navy
- Length must be no more than 2 inches above the ground when the student is kneeling.
- Tight-fitting sport shorts or undershorts should be worn underneath jumpers, or navy leggings may be worn underneath skirts. No lace or embellishments.

Boys and Girls: Pants and Dress Shorts

- Available in pull-on style with faux fly (only available in smaller sizes) or standard flat-front style for all sizes.
- Khaki or navy
- Shorts may be worn until October 31 and then from April 1 through the end of the year.
- Length of shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the ground when the student is kneeling.

Boys and Girls: Shirts

- Must be monogrammed
- Boys and Girls: Pique polos: maroon, navy, or white
- *Boys and Girls: Knit polos: maroon, navy, or white*
- Boys and Girls: Long sleeved, light blue oxford shirts

- Girls: Banded maroon, navy, or white polo- these do not need to be tucked in.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times in grades K-5.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all Masses in grades 6-8.

Boys and Girls: Sweaters/Fleece/ Crewneck Sweatshirt

- Must be monogrammed
- Navy, Lands' End sweatshirts that are monogrammed with the dove logo are acceptable
- Navy or maroon sweaters provided by Educational Outfitters
- Navy fleece and navy crewneck sweatshirt with school logo provided by Educational Outfitters
- Students may not wear SPIRITWEAR FLEECE or SPIRITWEAR SWEATSHIRTS on non-Spiritwear days.

Boys and Girls: Socks

- White, navy, or maroon
- Solid color only
- Socks/footies must be worn with leggings.

Girls: Tights/Leggings

- Navy, Maroon, or white tights
- Navy leggings

Shoes

Please keep in mind that shoes will be worn outside during recess. We ask that your students choose shoes that are comfortable, safe, and functional with NON-marking soles. Neutral-colored shoes that blend with the uniform are strongly encouraged.

- Tennis shoes are allowed.
- Wheelies, light-up shoes, or other accessories on shoes are NOT permitted.
- Shoes must be in good condition, neat, and clean.
- Shoes may not be higher than 2" above the ankle.
- High heels or platforms are NOT permitted.
- Heels may not be higher than 1 1/2".
- Clogs, Crocs or open-backed, open-toed shoes, and flip flops are NOT permitted.
- Socks, tights or footies must be worn with all types of shoes.
- Snow boots must be removed indoors.
- Tennis shoes must have laces, Velcro or be firmly fitting on the foot.
- Laces must be tied.
- Dress boots and Uggs are NOT permitted, unless being worn as snow boots, which need to be removed indoors.

Hair Style/Hair Accessories/Hats/Jewelry

- Hair must be tidy and of reasonable style.
- No distracting haircuts or styles.
- Unnatural-colored hair and unnatural extensions are NOT permitted.
- Hats are not allowed in school.
- Hair bows, barrettes and hair ties need to be solid white, navy, or maroon. There can also be hair accessories that match the plaid from Educational Outfitters. The size of hair accessories should not be bigger than an average adult's fist.
- Jewelry should be small and modest.
- Wearable technology is prohibited if it receives text messages.

Appearance and Grooming

- All students are expected to be well-groomed, neat, and presentable at all times. Clothing should be clean, properly fitting, and modest. Torn or excessively worn clothing is not permitted on any school day.
- Make-up and accessories should be modest and minimal.
- Outdoor Wear: All students need to come to school with the appropriate outdoor wear. On the first infraction, the student will sit outside of the office. On the second infraction, a parent will be called.

Physical Education

- Students are required to wear gym shoes during their physical education class. All students must have a separate pair of shoes that they only wear for indoor use in the gymnasium. These shoes will be stored in the students' homerooms.
- Students may participate in their school clothes if they are in preschool through fifth grade.
- Students in **sixth through eighth grade** should come with appropriate athletic attire; **navy blue, Educational Outfitters athletic shorts or sweatpants are required for boys and girls.**
- Tee-shirts that comply with other dress code regulations on Dress Down Days are permitted.

Dress-Down Days

- There will be minimal dress down days at the administration's discretion. They will be communicated throughout the year.
- On Dress-Down Days, appropriate school attire is still required. Spandex, midriff tops, short shorts, t-shirts with inappropriate language or graphics, tank tops or sleeveless tops will NOT be permitted. Administration has final approval on approved DDD apparel.
- Leggings and jeggings are permitted ONLY under dresses.
- Shoe rules are the same as the uniform policy. No fashion boots or Ugg-type boots.

- At all times, students should wear clothes that model our Catholic faith of modesty and integrity.
- Name-brand labels should be minimal and small.

SpiritWear Days

- These are tentatively scheduled for Pizza Lunch Days. Please check school calendar in the fall.
- Mustang Rec & Ed shirts are acceptable.
- Any non-St. Francis School SpiritWear tops, such as Wolverines, Spartans, etc. are NOT acceptable.
- Students not wearing SpiritWear must wear their regular school uniform on these days.
- Students may wear jeans or loose fitting athletic pants on Spiritwear Days.
- Leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants are NOT permitted, unless under a uniform dress or skirt and they should be navy.
- The majority of our SpiritWear is available in a variety of colors/styles through Underground Printing throughout the year. You can also find items in the school uniform closet with various styles of screen prints to choose from.

Other Uniform Guidelines:

- Belts are optional. However, if worn, only black and brown leather belts with no visible label are acceptable.
- Masses: Only uniform sweaters, fleeces, or crewneck sweatshirts may worn over uniform shirts. No coats may be worn during Mass or in classrooms.