



Dress Code for 2026-2027

(OLD UNIFORMS ALLOWED UNTIL Fall 2027)

Purpose: The dress code at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School reflects our commitment to creating a respectful, faith-centered learning environment. Rooted in the values of modesty, discipline, and equality, the dress code helps students focus on academics and spiritual growth rather than outward appearance. It promotes a sense of unity, minimizes distractions, and reinforces our shared identity as a Catholic community. By dressing appropriately, students show respect for themselves, their peers, and the mission and beliefs of our school. Adherence to the school dress is expected of all students each day. Dress Code violations will be tracked and affect a student's behavioral record and may require further disciplinary action. Habitual dress code violations may result in detentions or in some cases, suspension.

3 dress code violations = Detention

Pants (Boys and Girls)

- Solid black or khaki dress pants (all grades)
 - **K-2 if elastic band, no belt is required**
- Solid black or khaki shorts, no shorter than 3 inches above the knees (August, September, and May unless Principal gives permission)
 - **K-2 if elastic band, no belt is required**
- (Old) Solid **navy blue** dress pants and shorts allowed until Fall 2027
- No cargo pockets, skin tight, or spandex
- Solid black or brown belt only – Students must wear a belt at all times

Skirts/Jumpers (Girls Only)

- Skirts and jumpers must be Schoolbelles brand – only approved school colors allowed - maroon, grey, gold
- (Old) Schoolbelles brand **(red/green plaid)** allowed until Fall 2027
- Skirts do not start until 4th grade
- **No shorter** than 3 inches above the knees
- Skirts may not be rolled at all
- Leggings may be worn under skirts/ jumpers only and must be black. No patterns, holes, mesh, etc.

Shirts (Boys and Girls)

- Solid black, white, maroon, or gold **collared polo** (schoolbelles brand only)
- (Old) Solid **navy blue polos** allowed until Fall 2027
- Shirts may have a school crest on them from Schoolbelles but it is not required
- Must be appropriate size, length, and all shirts **must** be tucked in at all times
- Undershirts must be white and not visible except in collar area

Fleece & ¼ Zips Pullovers & Sweaters

- Black ¼ zip Sweatshirt with school crest (all grades)
- Grey ¼ pullover with school crest (grades 6-8)

- Cardigan button sweater (waist level) - black only
- Must be worn over uniform polo

Shoes

- Tennis shoes or boat/deck shoes
- No light up shoes
- Predominant color must be white, black, brown, gray, navy
- No open toe or open heel shoes
- Shoes must have laces and be tied
- Heels on shoes must be 2" or shorter including sole
- No boots allowed, must change into appropriate school shoes after arriving to school
- Socks must be worn at all times
 - white, black, maroon, grey - **NO LOGOS**

Gym Uniforms

- Students in grades 3-8 are required to change for gym
- Students must wear approved gym uniforms - can be purchased from the school office
- Students in all grades must have tennis shoes for gym class
- Students who are not properly dressed for gym class will be made to sit out and their grade will be affected.

Hairstyles

Boys; K - 8

No unusual, non-traditional, contemporary hairstyles are permitted (e.g. designs/ lines, shavings such as long on top and shaved underneath, tails, mohawks, hanging bangs, hair accessories, etc.). Hair length may not exceed the top of the collar. Hair may not be pony-tailed up/ tied back. Hair may not be dyed, tinted, highlighted, or colored in any way. **Natural hair MUST be cut and kept neatly. To clarify, hair is to be off the collar and out of the eyes. Hair is to be brushed or combed before coming to school.**

If a serious issue arises and a student is unable to comply with dress code regulations, the student may bring a note of explanation to the office signed by a parent/ guardian. A dress code permit will be issued to the student for one day only. Students not following the dress code will be subject to disciplinary actions. These policies will be strictly enforced.

The principal retains the right to make a judgment regarding questionable dress of a student and change the above code.



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• Girls; K - 8

No unusual, non-traditional, contemporary hairstyles are permitted (e.g. hanging bangs, distracting hair accessories, long on top and shaved underneath, etc.). Hair may not be dyed, tinted, highlighted, or colored in any way. Accessories must be simple and modest in size, color, and material. **Natural hair MUST be kept neatly. To clarify, bangs must be out of the eyes. Hair is to be brushed or combed before coming to school.**

Dress Down Days

- Students are allowed to wear jeans, athletic pants, cropped pants, shorts (seasonal), joggers, and sweats; pajama pants are not permitted
- **Wing A girls (K-3) may wear leggings as long as their bottoms are covered. Leggings are not permitted in Wing B (4-8)**
- Clothing should not have holes/rips/frayed or display inappropriate language or pictures
- **Students may not wear spirit wear apparel from other local elementary and high schools; however SJA spirit wear, college and professional teams are permitted**
- No words across pant bottoms
- All Shorts and skirts should be uniform length - **NO shorter than 3 inch above the knee**
- All tops have to have sleeves
- Socks must be worn
- No sandals, flip flops or Crocs (no heels or toes showing)
- NO cropped/ midriff shirts
- If clothing is inappropriate, students will be given uniform clothes and a dress code violation

Dress Up Days (Sunday Best)

No jeans of any color and at the very least school uniform pants. **When in doubt, wear a school uniform.**

- **Ladies** - Shoulders must be covered all day and skirt/dress length should follow uniform policy. Dress shoes must have a 2 inch heel or less.
- **Gentlemen** - Shirts must be tucked in with a belt and dress pants (uniform pants or dressier). Dress shoes must be worn.

Bookbags/Backpacks

Students in grades 4-8 may utilize their backpacks to carry their books and school supplies throughout the day. This privilege may be revoked at any time. **NO Rolling Backpacks.**

Potential issues that may cause the loss of bookbag privilege (not exhaustive):

- Improper use of bookbag
- Using cell phones hidden in bag
- Use of bookbag hinder organization of student
- Concealing of inappropriate items such as food/ drink
- Bookbag causes habitual disruption of the class

***Items not appropriate (Not Exclusive):**

- Excessive jewelry (this includes NO earrings for boys (even if covered) and no other piercings for all except for girls' ears), make-up, etc. Girls are allowed one pair of small, conservative earrings (**NO** hoops), 1 bracelet, and 1 necklace that can be tucked in for safety reasons.
- No purses can be worn – must be kept in a locker
- No smartwatches are allowed
- Visible undergarments
- No nail polish other than clear
- No fake / acrylic nails
- **When in doubt, don't wear it!!**

***Failure to Follow School Dress Code will result in the following (in no particular order):**

- Detentions
- Loss of privileges such as recess or specials
- Suspension
- Parent will be required to bring appropriate clothing to school
- Student sent home for the day
- Loss of dress down privileges for student for duration determined by administration
- Permanent removal from school

** As school leaders, junior high students (grades 6–8) and/or 8th-grade students may be granted special modified dress code privileges throughout the school year. These opportunities will be communicated in advance.*

ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL.