

8.7 Dress and Appearance Code (Standard Days)

Saint Mary's College High School expects that its students demonstrate modesty and good taste in their appearance, as is appropriate for a Lasallian Catholic school community. The Administration, faculty, and staff collaboratively enforce the Dress and Appearance Code. If a student is not in conformity with the Dress and Appearance Code, he or she will be sent to the Main Office and be expected to conform to the code before returning to classes, and will be required to come the next school day in Dress-up Day attire (reference dress-up days section 8.8). More serious consequences will result if a student is habitually out of the Dress and Appearance Code. Consequences may include a suspension from school. Chronic noncompliance may result in dismissal or expulsion from school.

The administration reserves the right to make final decisions regarding student grooming and appearance. This dress code is in full effect from the time students arrive on campus until the end of the day both inside and outside of class.

The following are to be observed by all:

1. Shoes must be worn; the absence of shoes will be allowed only for a demonstrated medical necessity.
2. Clothing which allows undergarments to be visible is not permitted. Sports bras are undergarments and must be covered.
3. Bare midriffs are not permitted.
4. Student shirts must be one of the following:
 - T-shirt with a crew neck (no v-neck, square neck, scooped neck or plunging neck line shirts are not allowed), and must include sleeves.
 - Saint Mary's or Collegial Sweatshirts (long or short sleeve),
 - Polo shirt (long or short sleeve),
 - Collared shirt or blouse that is buttoned close to the neckline.
1. Lycra and spandex tights may not be worn unless under clothing that meets other school guidelines. Skirts worn with leggings, spandex, or other like materials must be the appropriate length (two inches above the knee-cap). "Jeggings", denim leggings, and other like apparel are not allowed.
2. Sweats, athletic pants, swishy pants, velour pants, athletic shorts, and board shorts are not permitted during the school day.
3. Dresses and skirts, including slits, may not be more than two inches above the top of the kneecap.
4. Shorts may not be more than two inches above the top of the knee.
5. Tattered, ripped, or clothing with holes is not permitted.
6. Dyed hair may be black, brown, red, or blonde, but colors must be those that naturally occur. Hair colors that appear extreme or unnatural are not permitted. Outlandish or excessive hairstyles such as Mohawks, etching lines and designs or other styles—as determined by the Administration—are prohibited. If dyed hair or an excessive hairstyle is a part of special school activity or performance, the student must adhere to the school's policy on dyed hair and hairstyle within a day after the event or performance concludes.
7. If a male student chooses to wear his hair long, the hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and out of his face and not obstructing the view from students sitting behind them.
8. Male students may wear neatly trimmed beards and moustaches.
9. Pierced ears are allowed. One small, studded nose piercing is allowed. Piercings must be tasteful, not distracting to the learning environment and deemed appropriate by the Administration. No other body piercing is allowed.
10. Inappropriate writing, logos, or graphics – as determined by the Administration – are not permitted on any apparel.
11. Hats or headgear may not be worn in classrooms and offices or during school functions.
12. Sunglasses may not be worn inside any school building.

13. No sagging is permitted. Excessively baggy clothing including oversized T-shirts is not permitted. Pants must be worn at the waist with no exposed undergarments. The length of T-shirts may not extend past the student's fingers when the student's arms are at his or her side.

8.8 Dress-Up Days

On certain days that the school celebrates special events such as liturgies, academic assemblies, and other designated assemblies, students are required to wear the following for the entire school day:

- Male students are required to wear a white, collared dress shirt (tucked-in), a necktie, dress slacks or khaki-style pants with a belt, and dress shoes that are in good condition. Sweatshirts may not be worn to the assembly, liturgy, or special event. No hats may be worn on dress-up days.

- Female students are required to wear a white, collared blouse (tucked-in or un-tucked); appropriate-length dress skirt, dress pants, or khaki-style pants, and dress shoes. Flat dress shoes are appropriate. Boots, flip-flops, and similar footwear are not acceptable. Jean skirts and any type of shorts are not permitted. Capri-length pants may be worn if they extend past the knees. Corduroy pants, black jeans, or any other type of denim trousers are not considered dress pants.

Additional dress-up days may be added by the Administration and students will be required to adhere to the Dress-Up Day Policies.