

DRESS CODE

St. Dominic High School believes in high academic and personal standards. The dress code should help to minimize distractions from schoolwork. It is an aim of the dress code that students would not feel undue pressure to dress a certain way in order to be accepted by their peers. The dress code gives the school a sense of identity and thereby promotes school pride as well as personal pride. Dressing appropriately for specific occasions is a life-long lesson to be instilled in our students. All clothing should be modest, clean, of proper fit, and in good repair.

It is the student and parents' responsibility to insure proper attire before arrival at school. **Failure to immediately rectify the dress code issue may result in a detention.**

Polos: Only the required short sleeve or long sleeve polo with the St. Dominic High School insignia may be worn. Logoed shirts of any solid color must be purchased through Lands' End and are available online through our website at www.stdominichs.org. If a student chooses to wear a t-shirt under the school polo, it must be a solid color and the sleeve may not extend past the polo sleeve and must only be visible at the neckline. Polos must stay tucked in at all times during the school day. No long-sleeved shirt can be worn under the polo shirt.

Slacks/Pants: All slacks/pants must be khaki, navy or gray colored dress slacks of a woven fabric, with no outside pockets on the pant leg. Slacks must be worn at the waist, reach to the ankle and may not be frayed or torn. The slacks/pants may be purchased at various vendors, such as Lands' End (available on website) American Eagle, JCPenney, and Kohl's. Jeans are not allowed.

Shorts/Capris: Students who choose to wear shorts must wear khaki, navy or gray colored walking shorts or capris of a woven fabric with no outside pockets. Shorts must touch the top of the knee and may not exceed the bottom of the knee in length. Shorts or capris should fit appropriately for school and may not be denim or a jeans style. It is appropriate for shorts or capris to be worn year round. Shorts or capris may be purchased at various vendors, such as Lands' End (available on website www.stdominichs.org) American Eagle, JCPenney, or Kohl's.

Belts: Belts must be worn and have a non-distracting belt buckle.

Skirts: Girls may wear the **St. Dominic uniform skirt**. Skirts must not be more than 2 inches above the top of the knee, may not be rolled at the waistband, and must be buttoned and zipped. Skirts are purchased from Just Me Apparel/Fischer's School Uniforms and can be found at www.fischersuniforms.com.

Leggings/Tights: Ankle length, navy, black or gray plain colored leggings or tights may be worn under the uniform skirt. Long pants, including yoga pants, may not be worn with the uniform skirt. For our purposes, leggings are tight fitting at the ankle. Yoga pants flare at the bottom and usually touch the shoe.

Outer Wear Options: The approved outerwear must be worn as intended with arms in the sleeves and pulled over the head and shoulders but not worn around the waist. A school approved polo shirt must be worn under all approved outerwear.

Girls and Boys Sweatshirts: Two styles of sweatshirts purchased through the Spirit Wear Store may be worn:

- Crew neck sweatshirts in navy, white, and light blue color with the choice of the St. Dominic name across the chest or in the left chest corner.
- Quarter-zip navy or gray sweatshirts with the St. Dominic name in the left chest corner

Girls Sweater: A variety of approved sweater choices are available through Lands' End. The logoed sweaters purchased through Land's End will be the only acceptable sweaters. Girls are required to wear the Lands' End pewter heather cardigan with the Mass Dress Uniform.

Boys Sweaters: A variety of approved sweater choices are available through Lands' End. The logoed sweaters purchased through Land's End will be the only acceptable sweaters.

Sports and Club Outerwear: The approved St. Dominic High School jacket is the only outerwear jacket that may be worn during the school day. There are two styles of this approved jacket: full zip and ¼ zip. Team/club apparel purchased for athletics or clubs is not considered daily uniform attire, and may only be worn on Crusader Friday, Dress Down Days and outside of school. The uniform polo is to be worn beneath the outer wear jacket. No shirts can hang out under the jacket.

Shoes: Shoes with a closed toe must be worn. Shoes must be safe and practical for wearing during the school day. Sandals, slippers, crocs or flip flops may not be worn.

Socks: Socks that are worn should be a matching pair.

Tattoos: No visible tattoos are allowed

Other Items:

- No hats or bandanas are to be worn in the building. Except on specific dress down days as determined by the administration
- Coats or jackets (other than approved jackets above) may not be worn in the building during the day.
- Hair must be neatly trimmed and clean. No hair colors or hairstyles that draw undue attention are allowed, such as a Mohawk or extraordinary color.
- Modest jewelry with no inappropriate symbols is allowed. Only ears may be pierced. No other body piercings are allowed (tongue, eyebrow, nose, etc).
- Make-up must be appropriate for the educational setting.
- No scarves may be worn.
- The appropriateness of clothing, hairstyles, and accessory items is always subject to the approval of the Administration.
- At any school function, including special dress-up days with very specific guidelines, students should dress neatly and modestly. Advertising which is vulgar or associated with drugs or alcohol is not allowed.

DRESS DOWN DAYS: All clothing must be appropriate for the educational environment at St. Dominic High School. Shirts must have sleeves and may not be vulgar or promote drug or alcohol messages. **Shorts that are worn must be modest in length and fit.** On designated dress down days students may wear jeans, sweatpants or shorts. Girls may wear leggings and yoga pants only if they also wear a shirt that comes to the mid-thigh.

MASS DRESS UNIFORM: St. Dominic has a Mass dress uniform for all students. This uniform is in addition to the everyday uniform. **Students are required to be in Mass Dress by 8 a.m. and wear the dress uniform for the entire school day on days designated by the administration. The dress uniform is mandatory for all students. Failure to be in Mass Dress by 8 a.m. will result in a detention regardless of whether or not the problem can be immediately resolved.**

- Boys will wear uniform pants, a white Oxford shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve), white undershirt (optional), belt and a tie of their choice. No shorts. Shirts must be tucked in. Dress shoes or school shoes may be worn.
- Girls will wear uniform skirt or uniform pants, a white polo (school polo is acceptable) or Oxford shirt of short sleeve or long sleeve, white undershirt (optional), and the St. Dominic logo pewter heather cardigan. No shorts. School shoes will be worn.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS CODE: Students enrolled in Physical Education classes are required to wear the following:

- Shirts: Any St. Dominic High School **top**, or a plain white or plain blue shirt. No cut off shirts or shirts with cut off sleeves
- PE Shorts: **Blue, black or gray shorts must be worn on the hips. Undergarments should not be visible above or below the short. Blue, black or gray leggings may be worn as long as they are tight at the ankle.**
- Shoes: Tied athletic shoes
- Socks: Must be worn

REGULATIONS FOR DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT:

1. In the event of a situation where the variance from the dress code is necessary, the student is expected to present a request from the parents for approval by the Dean of Student Services.
2. The administrators have the right and responsibility of final judgment of what is appropriate or inappropriate dress. Students should ask the Dean of Student Services before wearing something that is questionable. This applies to Dress Down Days also.
3. Normal Procedure
 - a. Students in the unapproved jacket or sweatshirt will be asked to remove the item and will be issued a detention.
 - b. Students will be asked to remedy immediately a dress code violation when it is possible to do so, (tuck shirt tail in, unroll skirt etc.). **The teacher may choose to issue a demerit for these remediable infractions.**
 - c. If the dress code violation cannot be immediately remedied, (no school polo, jeans style pants, no Mass uniform) the following action(s) should be taken;
 - 1) Student will be sent to the Dean of Student Services

- 2) Student will be issued a detention. Students will receive only one detention for the same violation, and a pass will be used for admission into later classes.

SENIOR HOODIE: Senior students have the option to purchase a specially designed and approved hoodie that may be worn with the uniform. The hoodie may not be worn on Mass Dress Uniform days.

SPIRIT DAY / CRUSADER FRIDAYS DRESS: On most Fridays of the school year, St. Dominic Spirit Wear including club and activity t-shirts may be worn. Spirit t-shirts do not need to be tucked in. Dress code pants/shorts or skirts must be worn unless otherwise announced. School polos may be worn and remain untucked for the entire school day.