

CLOTHING GUIDELINES FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2010-2011

“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God. You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”
I Corinthians 6:19-20

Dress and grooming reflect an individual’s attitude and self-concept. Within the guidelines established as our St. Paul dress code, students have the opportunity to express themselves as unique creations of God with various styles of dress and grooming, while maintaining the appearance of students who take pride in their school, their education, and their Savior.

We believe that parents want us to create an environment conducive to learning and supportive of Christian values. We also believe that parents do not want an environment that nurtures a focus on fashion trends. *Students are here to learn* and we rely on parents to be responsible for their children being dressed neatly, in good taste, and in age appropriate clothing. The final authority to interpret our clothing guidelines belongs to the St. Paul administration.

HAIR...Hair should be neat, clean, a natural color, and free from styling extremes. Boys’ hair length should be above the collar and at or above the eyebrows. Hats and head coverings are not to be worn in class.

ACCESSORIES...Only girls may wear earrings, and no more than two earrings per ear. Light make-up may be worn by girls in 7th through 8th grades. Tattoos and other body piercings are not allowed.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES...We encourage collared, buttoned shirts. Any shirt may be solid-colored or have patterns or designs that are not un-Christian. Shirts are to cover midriffs, shoulders, and everything in between. St. Paul Lutheran School Spirit Wear may be worn anytime. *Any* article of clothing that promotes, advertises, or displays tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or anything that is unwholesome or ungodly will not be allowed.

PANTS/SKIRTS...Pants must fit and be worn properly. They need to be a cotton blend material. Jeans may be worn on Fridays or casual dress days as announced by the administration. Pants must not be faded, ripped, torn, frayed, or un-hemmed. Warm-ups, sweats, wind-pants, parachute pants, or Spandex are not acceptable. Tights and leggings are not to be worn alone as pants. Shorts, culottes, skirts, skorts, and dresses must reach the top of the kneecap when standing and be at least mid-thigh when sitting even if leggings are worn.

SHORTS...Athletic shorts are not to be worn to school. They are fine for physical education and recess, but not the classroom.

SHOES...For safety reasons, footwear must have backs and/or heel straps and must fit firmly on the foot. Flip-flop style shoes are not allowed. Heels may be no higher than 2” measured from

the back of the heel. For safety reasons, children must wear shoes that are completely enclosed for recess. Bedroom-style slippers are not acceptable to wear to school.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS...Our students should make an effort to dress their best on chapel days. This is a time of worship and a time to show respect for our Lord Jesus Christ and His church. Other special dress or casual days may be announced by the administration. On these days, students may be allowed to wear jeans and other casual-style clothing as determined by the administration.

OTHER...Due to occasional wet and muddy playground conditions, children are encouraged to have an extra pair of shoes at school. Boots or shoes designed for winter conditions are also recommended. Recesses will be outside as much as possible. Hats, scarves, and gloves will be needed during the cold months. It is recommended that clothing be labeled with the child's name. Children should wear St. Paul Spirit Wear on field trips for ease of identification.

CONCLUSION...Parents are responsible for their child's adherence to our clothing guidelines. If a student comes to school inappropriately dressed, he/she will be counseled by the St. Paul administration. Alternate clothing may be provided to the student. If the student fails to heed the administration's request, the parents will be contacted. It should not be necessary, but if further measures are necessary to enforce our guidelines the administration can take further action.

We believe our guidelines are not unreasonable. Our parents and staff expect our students to come to school prepared to *learn* and not be burdened by fashion pressures.