

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE 2011-12

Dress Code: Jesuit has five reasons for defining standards for student appearance:

- a. to encourage students to respect each other for who they are, not for the contents of their closets;
- b. to discourage fashion competition among students;
- c. to reduce distractions in the learning environment;
- d. to more easily identify non-Jesuit students on campus during the school day;
- e. to allow for consistent application of the rules by staff and administration.

General Appearance: Jesuit's Dress Code lists what a student may wear. Clothing must not be disruptive to the school environment. Students must be clean, neat, and modest in appearance. Clothing is to be in good condition, not ragged, and without patches. Clothing cannot mock the dress code. Students must wear clothing that does not expose cleavage. Nothing students wear may convey an inappropriate message or suggest sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, violence, racism, or gangs. Students may not wear leather clothing other than outdoor jackets. Colors and patterns on clothes must be appropriate for the school environment. Students cannot wear hats of any type, including sweatbands, bandanas, and visors during the school day. The school may grant exceptions for religious reasons. Students may wear Jesuit team jerseys or Jesuit team sweat outfits on pre-arranged days, as set by the coach and Vice Principal for Student Life, with an approved shirt underneath. The dress code is in effect on all school days, including exam days. Violators will be sent to the office, given a JUG, and be required to arrange for a change of clothes. Violators may not return to class until the offense is remedied. Repeated offenses will warrant increased penalties. The administration will be the final judge of student appearance questions not explicitly covered in dress code guidelines.

Accessories: Earrings or fillers can be worn in the ear only. Students may wear up to two earrings per ear. Body piercing and tattoos are unacceptable. Students cannot wear dog-collar type jewelry, studded wristbands or other studded accessories, wallet chains, belts with chains, ropes, or studs. Students may not wear sunglasses in school buildings.

Hair: Students are to keep their hair clean and neat and may dye their hair a natural hair color only. Students may not wear extreme hairstyles such as punk, spiked, Mohawk, and the like. Students may not carve symbols or initials into their hair.

Approved Shirts/Tops: Students may wear three types of shirts or tops: 1) those with collars, buttons, and sleeves, 2) a collarless shirt with sleeves and a neckline which does not reveal any cleavage, 3) turtlenecks/mock turtlenecks with sleeves. No stomach or back skin can show when the arms are raised to shoulder height or when the student sits down. Shirts must be capable of remaining tucked in when both arms are raised to the shoulder height. Students may leave unbuttoned the top button of shirts. **IMPORTANT:** "Collars" are capable of being folded over; "sleeves" extend at least three inches down the arm beyond the edge of the shoulder; no shirt, blouse, or top can be form-fitting. If the outline of underwear is visible, the clothing is form fitting.

Pants and Shorts: Students are allowed to wear standard denim pants, corduroys, dress slacks, cargo pants, and khakis. Women may also wear cotton capris. Pants must have pockets and, except for capris, be to the ankle in length. Male students must wear a belt if their pants have belt loops. Shorts must be to the knee. Pants or shorts cannot sag below the waist.

Skirts and Dresses for Women: Besides the above, women students may also wear skirts or one-piece dresses. Students must wear skirts with an approved shirt or blouse. **Skirts and dresses must be to the knee cap or longer.** Slits cannot be more than three inches above the knee. Dresses must have sleeves. Stomachs and backs must be covered. Necklines may not reveal cleavage.

Outer Garments: Outer garments such as coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, fleeces, etc. must have an approved shirt underneath.

Shoes: All shoes (other than the exceptions noted) must either cover the toe and heel or have heel and toe straps, properly used. Backless tennis shoes are permitted. Slippers are not allowed.

Dress-Up Days: Days of All-School Liturgies and other special occasions are designated dress-up days. These are school days where a more formal appearance is expected of students out of respect for the special purpose of the day. **Besides usual appearance standards the following guidelines apply for the entire school day:**

- **Women:** Women are to wear skirts or dresses as described above or dress pants. Backless dress shoes are permitted on dress-up days.
- **Men:** Shirts must be short-sleeved or long-sleeved collared shirts, with full button front, properly buttoned. Shirts must remain tucked in. A tied necktie is to be worn with the shirt. Only dress slacks or full-length khakis or corduroy pants are allowed. Note: Cargo pants and denims are not allowed. Dress shoes must be worn. All other rules, including those of neatness, modesty, and the rules regarding accessories, are in effect.

Dress Code at School Events: Students are to wear neat, clean, and modest clothing to school events. Students in inappropriate clothing will be sent home. No stomach or back skin can show when the arms are raised to shoulder height. All rules regarding accessories and inappropriate messages on garments apply. Students are not allowed to be shirtless while participating in school activities or at school events on or off campus either during or after school hours.