



Saint Cecilia Middle & High School STUDENT DRESS AND UNIFORM POLICY

The purpose of the student dress and uniform policy is to create a consistent image for our students. Studies have shown that in schools where a student dress and uniform policy has been implemented, student behavior and level of professionalism in the classroom were significantly impacted, leading to a higher level of achievement. The student dress and uniform policy also creates a sense of identity and belonging, as well as provides students with an opportunity to be witnesses to their Catholic beliefs.

The primary responsibility for students being in the proper uniform rests with the parents. However, students are mature enough to accept this responsibility and are asked to exercise their school spirit by adhering to the Student Dress and Uniform Policy. The Administration and individual classroom teachers have the discretion to determine whether a student is in full compliance with the Student Dress and Uniform Policy. Students will be asked to remove any accessory that is distracting to learning. A student may be removed from class until such time as they are in compliance if the uniform infraction is not easily corrected. Detention may be assigned.

All STC students are to carry their key cards on their person at all times.

Out Of Uniform Dress-Up – Students are expected to dress as follows on designated out of uniform dress-up days:

Girls: dress or outfit consisting of a skirt or slacks and blouse. Low cut dresses/blouses or dresses/blouses that have a portion of the back cut out are not permitted. Dresses and skirts must be modest in length and no shorter than 2-3 inches above the top of the knee.

Teachers and the administration have the discretion to determine if a dress or skirt is of appropriate length.

Boys: button down shirt or polo with dress pants. A tie may also be worn.

Students may also dress in school uniform on designated out of uniform dress-up days.

Jeans Days - Students may wear any St. Cecilia t-shirt or St. Cecilia sweatshirt with blue jeans. The blue jeans must be made of denim, be clean and neat, without holes, and worn-thin areas. Skinny jeans, jeggings, and leggings which are made of spandex or Lycra or very stretchy knit fabric are not allowed. Students wearing skinny jeans, jeggings, or leggings will be expected to change.

Beneficiaries of jeans day collections will be announced by the principal on or before the day the funds are collected. Occasionally, sweatpants days will be announced by the principal.

BOYS 6-12

PANTS: Navy blue or beige-toned khaki dress pants only. Pockets must be inside the pants. Look-alike jeans or cargo pants are not permitted. Pants must be hemmed. At the discretion of a teacher or Administration, a belt may be required to be worn.

SHORTS: Navy blue and beige-toned khaki shorts only. Cargo shorts are not permitted. Shorts must be hemmed and within 2-3 inches of the top of the knee. Shorts may be worn all year long; however, we request students use good judgement on cold weather days.

SHIRTS: White oxford cloth dress shirt or white or royal blue polo shirt must be worn. White and blue polo shirts must have the school logo embroidered on the upper left chest and must be purchased through Small Town Famous, Land's End(white only), The Shirt Shack, or the One Stop Shop. Plain white polos may be purchased from another vendor, but they must be taken to Small Town Famous or The Shirt Shack to be embroidered with the school logo. Shirts may be long or short-sleeved and must be free of any non-school insignia. A plain white unprinted T-shirt may be worn under the white or royal blue polo or white oxford shirt. The sleeves of the uniform shirt must be longer than the sleeves of the t-shirt worn underneath

the white or royal blue polo or white oxford shirt. Students wearing an excessively short or long shirt will be asked to change.

SOCKS: Socks must be worn at all times and must be solid navy, black, or white in color.

SWEATSHIRT / FLEECE: Only the St. Cecilia navy sweatshirt, St. Cecilia navy fleece pullover, St. Cecilia navy sweater, or St. Cecilia navy jacket purchased through Small Town Famous, Shirt Shack or the One Stop Shop may be worn in the classroom. Students are required to wear a white or royal blue polo shirt or white oxford dress shirt under the STC navy sweatshirt, STC navy fleece pullover, STC navy sweater, or STC navy jacket.

SHOES: Dress shoes or athletic shoes.

GENERAL: Grooming: Boys must be clean shaven. Hair may be no longer than the top of the shirt collar and must be off the ears and out of the eyebrows. Bright coloring or ‘carved’ styles, visible tattoos, body art, or drawings on the skin, earrings or body piercings are not allowed.

GIRLS 6-12

SKIRTS/SKORTS: Skirts or skorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company. Middle and high school skirts/skorts are solid navy blue or Blackwatch plaid. The skirt/skort must be modest in length and no shorter than 2-3 inches above the top of the knee. Teachers and the administration have the discretion to determine if a skirt/skort is of appropriate length. Skirts/skorts may not be rolled at the waist. Boots may not be worn with a uniform skirt/skort.

BLOUSES/POLOS: White oxford cloth blouse or white or royal blue polo shirt must be worn. White and blue polo shirts must have the school logo embroidered on the upper left chest and must be purchased through Small Town Famous, Land’s End(white only), The Shirt Shack, or the One Stop Shop. Plain white polos may be purchased from another vendor, but they must be taken to Small Town Famous or The Shirt Shack to be embroidered with the school logo. Shirts may be long or short-sleeved and must be free of any non-school insignia. A plain white unprinted T-shirt may be worn under the white or royal blue polo or white oxford cloth blouse. Brightly colored sports bras should not be visible under the white polo shirt or white oxford cloth blouse. The sleeves of the uniform shirt must be longer than the sleeves of the t-shirt worn underneath the white or royal blue polo or white oxford shirt. Students wearing

an excessively short or long shirt will be asked to change.

PANTS: Navy blue or beige-toned khaki pants only. Pockets must be inside the pants. Skinny pants, jeggings, leggings, look a-like jeans and cargo pants are not permitted. Pants must be hemmed. At the discretion of a teacher or Administration, a belt may be required to be worn.

SHORTS/CAPRIS: Navy blue and beige-toned khaki shorts or capris. Cargo shorts/capris are not permitted. Shorts/capris must be hemmed and the length of the shorts must be within 2-3 inches of the top of the knee. Shorts/capris may be worn all year long; however, we request students use good judgement on cold weather days.

SHOES: Dress shoes or athletic shoes. Boots may not be worn with a skirt or skort.

SOCKS: Socks must be worn at all times and must be solid navy, black, or white in color. Plain navy or black tights (purchased locally) or navy leggings purchased from Land’s End may also be worn.

SWEATSHIRT / FLEECE: Only the St. Cecilia navy sweatshirt, St. Cecilia navy fleece pullover, St. Cecilia navy sweater, or St. Cecilia navy jacket purchased through Small Town Famous, Shirt Shack or the One Stop Shop may be worn in the classroom. Students are required to wear a white or royal blue polo shirt or white oxford dress shirt under the STC navy sweatshirt, STC navy fleece pullover, STC navy sweater, or STC navy jacket.

GENERAL: Grooming: bright or unusually colored hair, visible tattoos or drawings on the skin, visible piercings other than the ears (no more than two piercings per ear), and large dangly earrings are not permitted, light or minimal make-up may be worn.

FOOD/DRINKS

Food is not to be eaten in the hallways or left in lockers. Gatorade, water, and juice are available for purchase in the cafeteria at lunch time and may be kept in a student’s locker for consumption after school.

Drinks, other than water, are not allowed in the classroom. Students may have water in a clear, non-colored, plastic water bottle during the school day with the permission of their teacher.

Containers that are not made of clear plastic, or are made of colored plastic or other material, are not permitted.

