

DRESS CODE

From Archdiocese of Milwaukee Policy 5132

It is the policy of St. Thomas Aquinas Academy to have a dress code that reflects an attitude of respect. The way we dress reflects our respect for ourselves, for our school community and for the educational goals of our school. Cooperation in wearing a uniform encourages responsibility and self-discipline on the part of the student. All students are expected to be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed for their learning environment.

Uniform clothing is available at Sunrise Clothiers, The Uniform Place, Target, Kohl's, and online at www.frenchtoast.com. In addition, the school may arrange a resale of uniforms at the end of the school year so families have an opportunity to buy and sell used uniform clothing.

Interpretation and implementation of any part of this school uniform/dress code policy will be at the discretion of the principal in consultation with the teachers. Examples of adjustments to these days may include themes of the day (e.g., Brewers Day, Patriotic Day, etc...) On these special days, all other dress code guidelines will still apply.

Parents are responsible for ensuring the uniform policy is followed so teachers do not need to take class time to enforce the policy. Parents will be notified when their child does not meet the guidelines or is out of uniform, and if necessary, will be called to bring appropriate clothes for the student to wear. Dress code violations may result in loss of "non-uniform day" privileges and/or conference with parents and further disciplinary action.

General Dress Requirements

Grooming

Shirts must be worn tucked in, they should be an appropriate size. Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed with natural hair color and styles, and anything worn that is unsafe or distracting to the learning environment is not permitted. Anything distracting or unsafe to the educational program is not allowed and is subject to administrative discretion.

Dress Code Dress code is required except on special "dress up" or "dress down" days.		
	GIRLS	BOYS
Shorts/Skorts (girls) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Permitted on non-Mass days in August, September, May, & June</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Khaki/Navy• Twill/Dress• Mid-thigh or longer• No Cargo shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Khaki/Navy• Twill/Dress• Mid-thigh or longer• No Cargo shorts

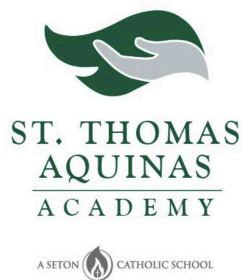
Pants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pants have one zipper, two front pockets, and two back pockets Pant cuffs must cover any footwear worn No painter's, cargo, and/or skinny pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki/Navy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki/Navy
Polo Shirts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long or short sleeved shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Green/White/Gray Plain, short sleeved white T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Green/White/Gray Plain, short sleeved white T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki/Navy Mid-thigh or longer Shorts can be worn underneath if not visible 	
Polo Dresses/Jumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki/Navy Mid-thigh or longer Shorts can be worn underneath if not visible Collared uniform shirt underneath (jumpers) 	
Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Green/White/Gray/Navy Cardigan or pullover with no hood Collared uniform shirt underneath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Green/White/Gray/Navy Cardigan or pullover with no hood Collared uniform shirt underneath
Sweatshirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Green/White/Gray Uniform shirt underneath Only school logo hoodies will be permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Green/White/Gray Uniform shirt underneath Only school logo hoodies will be permitted.
Footwear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes must be appropriate for the school setting and not pose any safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress or athletic in good condition Closed toe Closed back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress or athletic in good condition Closed toe Closed back

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe laces must be tied • Heels shorter than 1" • Winter-bring outdoor boots • Footwear must fit appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe laces must be tied • Heels shorter than 1" • Winter-bring outdoor boots • Footwear must fit appropriately
Socks/Tights/Leggings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform colored socks preferred and worn at all times • White, gray, black, or navy blue socks • Navy, gray, hunter green or white leggings or tights underneath jumper or skirt • No pattern leggings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform colored socks preferred and worn at all times • White, gray, black, or navy blue socks
Jewelry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two pair of earrings (smaller than a dime) permitted • Bracelets/necklaces allowed but limited to one or two and no dangling • Wrist watch • No gauges; fashion glasses • No other piercing or tattoos allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One pair of earrings (smaller than a dime) permitted • Bracelets/necklaces allowed but limited to one or two and no dangling • Wrist watch • No gauges; fashion glasses • No other piercing or tattoos allowed
Hair styles & Makeup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural-looking hair colors and styles • No makeup may be worn except as follows: 6th-8th grade girls may wear light mascara & skin tone acne medication or concealer • No false fingernails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural-looking hair colors and styles

Non-Permissible Dress

The following are not permitted in our dress code policy and dress code for boys and girls.

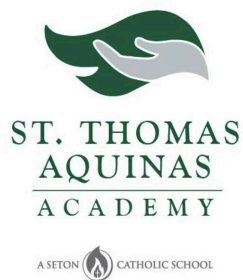
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rolled at waist ● Not Shorter Than Mid-thigh ● Denim/J Jeans** ● Cargo Pants** ● Knit/sweatpants ● Spandex pants ● Nylon athletic shorts or pants** ● Extra pockets or zippers ● Low rise ● Decorative Trim (i.e. studs, chains, etc...) ● Decorative tears/slits ● Baggy/Oversized ● Too tight ● Fringed ● No holes or rips ● Insignias or logos ● See through fabrics ● Camouflage (all colors/styles) ● Pajama pants
Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insignias or logos ● See through fabrics ● Hoods** ● Spaghetti straps ● Halter tops ● Tank-tops ● Bare midriffs ● Ads/gestures/language/phrases/messages that are offensive and/or inappropriate (as determined by the principal)
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open back/Clogs ● Flip flops ● Jellies ● Wheelies ● Croc style shoes ● Open toes** ● Platforms ● Un-tied/unstrapped/unfastened
Socks/Tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-uniform colored tights or socks**



Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Body piercings other than ears ● Tattoos/body art (temporary, henna, permanent, etc...) ● Large chain necklaces and bracelets ● Dangling, hooped, or large (bigger than a dime) earrings ● Extreme styles and colors for hair and makeup ● Decoration, design shavings, phrases, words for hair (including beads and string-wrapping) ● Fake nails ● Sweat bands ● Rubber bands ● Hats (Decorative/non-“winter weather” hats) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hats not intended for winter weather may not be worn in the building ○ Cold weather hats worn on school campus must face straight forward or backwards
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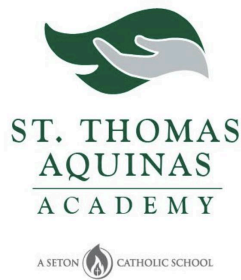
****Items marked with ** are only permissible on Spirit and Dress-down days.**

Spirit Days Dress Code Guideline Apply With The Following Exceptions		
	GIRLS	BOYS
Pants and shorts (shorts must be mid-thigh or longer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uniforms may be worn ● Cargo pants ● Jeans ● Capris ● Loose athletic pants or shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uniforms may be worn ● Cargo pants ● Jeans ● Loose athletic pants or shorts
STAA Spirit Wear Tops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>No team jerseys or uniforms should be worn</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School and athletic: STAA T-shirts (short or long sleeved), sweatshirts, hoodies, and team shirts ● Hunter green, or gray white shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School and athletic: STAA T-shirts (short or long sleeved), sweatshirts, hoodies, and team shirts ● Hunter green, or gray white shirts



Dress Down Days		
Dress Code Guidelines Apply With The Following Exceptions:		
	GIRLS	BOYS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear guidelines apply • Colors <i>are not</i> restricted to school colors • Also, see exceptions marked with ** in the dress code section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear guidelines apply • Colors <i>are not</i> restricted to school colors • Also, see exceptions marked with ** in the dress code section

Dress Up Days		
Dress Code Guidelines Apply With The Following Exceptions:		
	GIRLS	BOYS
Bottoms and Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniforms may be worn • Dress up attire if students are not in uniform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dress pants ○ Skirts/dresses; hem should be even to or longer than the finger tips-all around; no spaghetti straps ○ Blouses and shirts; no spaghetti straps ○ Sweaters/Cardigans <p>The following are not considered “dress up”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue jeans, cargo, sweat/wind pants, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and all other clothing items not permitted in the dress code policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniforms may be worn. • Dress up attire if students are not in uniform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dress pants ○ Collared shirts ○ Sweaters/Cardigans <p>The following are not considered “dress up”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue jeans, cargo, sweat/wind pants, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and all other clothing items not permitted in the dress code policy.



Outdoor Wear

- Parents are responsible for making sure their children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, including hats and mittens.
- Grades K4-3: Students in grades K4 to 3 must wear boots and bring a pair of shoes to change into when there is snow on the ground.
- Grades 4-8: Students must wear boots or have an extra pair of shoes to change into when there is snow on the ground.

Out of Uniform Days

On occasion, students will be allowed out-of-uniform days. These are called Spirit Wear Days and Generous Dress Down Days.

Spirit Wear Days

Students may wear blue jeans (no colored denim, no rips/holes) or jogging/athletic pants with official St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Spirit Wear, or hunter green, gray, or white shirts if they do not own spirit wear. (We have at least one Spirit Wear Day per month.) In August, September, May, and June blue jean or athletic shorts may be worn. Short length rules still apply.

How to purchase Spirit Wear-Spirit wear is offered throughout the school year during spirit wear campaigns.

Generous Dress Down Day

Students may wear blue denim jeans (no colored denim and no rips/holes) and a top of their choice (no sleeveless or strapless) for a donation of \$1 or more. The Student Council chooses several charities to give back to each year for Generous Dress Down Day. Leggings and athletic pants are allowed. Shirts must be appropriate for a Catholic school setting. This will be at the discretion of the school administrator. Students with questionable attire will be required to call home and a different set of clothing will need to be brought to school.

Lost And Found

If students misplace school supplies or personal items, they are asked to check the “lost and found” in the office. Items that have been turned in and not claimed are kept for an entire quarter before they are donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or another needy program.