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## STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is the obligation of the School Board to provide an educational atmosphere which shall be conducive to the learning process. Students, teachers, and administrators have the right to be free from distracting influences which hinder the learning process. No mode of attire will be considered proper for school wear that distracts from or disrupts classroom and school decorum. The principal of each school will make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided.

The Board feels it is the responsibility of each student to use good judgment in one's total appearance so that the attention of others is not distracted from the purpose of the school. Cleanliness shall be a basic consideration.

Any substantial complaint concerning the dress code will be dealt with by the school administration. The term "school-approved" means that the principal has given his/her approval.

### **Uniforms**

Students in St. James Parish (Grades PK-12) will be required to wear uniforms to class. Parent/Guardians will be responsible for purchasing uniforms. Uniforms shall be worn as follows:

**PK-6 Boys:** School approved color or white shirt (oxford or knit with collar; no labels; school approved logo is optional). Uniform khaki (no mustard, off-white or "putty" color) pants (can be pleated, not pleated, or cuffed; no labels) or shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee).

**7-12 Boys:** School approved color or white shirt (oxford or knit with collar; no labels; school approved logo is optional) or school-issued t-shirt. Uniform khaki (no mustard, off-white or "putty" color) pants (can be pleated, not pleated, or cuffed; no labels) or shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee).

**PK-6 Girls:** School approved color or white shirt (oxford or knit with collar; no labels; school approved logo is optional). Uniform khaki (no mustard, off-white or "putty" color) pants (can be pleated, not pleated, or cuffed; no labels) or shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee).

**7-12 Girls:** School approved color or white shirt (oxford or knit with collar; no labels; school approved logo is optional) or school-issued t-shirt. Uniform khaki (no mustard, off-white or "putty" color) pants (can be pleated, not pleated, or cuffed; no labels) or shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee).

**Sweaters/Vests/Sweatshirts:** School-approved color or solid white; only school-approved monograms; no logos; no name brands; hoods are not allowed on campus (on jackets or sweatshirts); collar of uniform shirt shall be visible.

**Coats/Jackets/Wind Breakers (NO HOODS ALLOWED):** School-approved color, solid white, solid black, solid navy, gray or khaki; no stripes.

**NOTE:** School organizations' jackets and sweatshirts are allowed.

### **Dress Code Regulations**

1. All students will wear the designated school uniform clothing as outlined in the uniform policy. Transfer students will be given seven (7) days to acquire a proper uniform.
2. The wearing of socks or tights for girls and socks for boys shall be mandatory and must be white, khaki, black, navy, gray or school approved color.
3. All students must wear belts if pants have loops. Belts may not be more than one size larger than the waist and should be solid in color with no adornments (spikes, chains, etc.).
4. Baggy, tight-fitting or over-sized uniforms are prohibited. Pants must fit at the waist; "low riders" are not allowed. Drawstring pants, cargo pants, joggers (which are pants with elastic waist and ankles), and sweat pants are also prohibited. Full-length pants cannot be rolled or folded above the ankle. Pants must be hemmed. Pants cannot be made of denim material (jeans).

5. Shirts must be worn tucked in at all times. Undergarments must not be visible.
6. Only school approved colored undershirts/turtlenecks are allowed under the uniform shirt.
7. Shoes must be completely enclosed. Heels should be no more than 2 inches high.
8. The wearing of earrings by female students will be allowed. Male students in 7 – 12 may also wear earrings. Earrings may be one inch in diameter and/or length.
9. Wearing body-piercing jewelry other than for pierced ears is prohibited. (Example: nose, lips, tongue, eyebrows, etc.). Earrings should be worn in the lobes only.
10. Students will be allowed to wear chains, belt buckles, pendants or necklaces with the following specifications:
  - a. Rope-type chains shall be no larger than 1/16 inch in diameter.
  - b. Flat chains shall not exceed ½ inch in width.
  - c. Nameplates, pendants, buckles shall not be larger than 2 inches by 1 inch.
  - d. No chains shall be connected to a wallet or hanging out of the pocket.
  - e. Earrings are only allowed in earlobes and may not be large or dangling. Visible facial/nose piercings are against district policy. For safety reasons, jewelry (ex: rings) must be small in size. No oversized jewelry is allowed.
11. Jewelry is worn at the student's own risk. The system will not be responsible for lost/stolen items.
12. All headgear (such as caps, hats, bandanna, wraps, curlers, etc.) and blankets are prohibited (boys and girls).
13. Only prescription glasses may be worn inside buildings.
14. Clothing with holes is not allowed and shall be worn on the "right" side and not inside out. Patches must cover any holes.
15. Picture ID cards (grades 7-12) must be visibly worn on school-approved lanyards at all times. Defacing ID's is prohibited.
16. Prohibited and/or inappropriate items may be confiscated by school officials and returned to the parent/guardian only.

### ***Groom and Dress Violations***

Violations of grooming and dress regulations will be handled according to the discipline policies adopted by the School Board.