

St. Croix Lutheran Middle School Dress Code

One of the many ways St. Croix Lutheran Middle School attempts to prepare students for lives as "responsible, constructive free people" is by operating with a voluntary dress code, rather than a mandatory uniform policy. By establishing reasonable standards for responsible dress, St. Croix makes it possible for students to express their individuality, while still exhibiting good taste and proper decorum.

It is impossible to make precise rules about every item of clothing, but we trust that students will reflect, in their dress, the desired academic environment of the school.

Pants/Shorts

Appropriate:

Regular cut cotton, blend, or corduroy fabric (Dress jeans are acceptable)

Walking shorts (no shorter than 2" above the knee) and capri/cropped pants may be worn. Styles must adhere to the same style and fabric guidelines as pants.

Inappropriate:

Saggy pants (or pants worn below the waist), stretch pants, leggings (alone), sweat pants, and wind pants.

Torn, worn, or frayed pants or shorts. (Even if they are bought that way)

Clothing made of camouflage

Goth-like apparel or accessories

Bike, athletic, or spandex shorts (Alone)

Shirts/Blouses

All: T-shirts with appropriate pictures and messages are acceptable. Double-meaning messages are not acceptable.

Girls: Shirts are to be loose fitting. Shirts must be long enough that the midriff is never exposed. No strapless shirts, spaghetti straps, tank tops, or sheer fabrics are to be worn without a crew neck shirt worn over or under them. **Necklines should be high enough to cover ALL cleavage.**

All: Clothing must cover all undergarments

Dresses/Skirts

No slits above the knee. Hems should be no more than two inches above the knee. No torn, shredded, or frayed fabrics. **Necklines should be high enough to cover ALL cleavage or have a cover-up that accomplishes the same.**

Footwear

No sport sandals or flip-flops. (All sandals must have back straps)

Gym shoes and socks are required for Phy Ed class.

Outerwear

Hats or other head coverings are to be removed upon entering school.

Coats or other outerwear are to be removed prior to entering the classroom.

Grooming

Bizarre hair cuts are not permitted on girls or boys; hair must be kept a natural color.

Boys may wear a single earring.

Girls may have two earrings per ear.

No visible body tattoos or body piercing (except ears).

Hygiene

Hygiene is vitally important as middle level students are constantly changing physically. Poor hygiene carries a stigma that can affect a child's life for years.

Daily application of deodorant is imperative. (Please supply some for students locker, just in case they forget.)

Daily or every other day showers are strongly encouraged.

The school reserves the right to determine if a student is dressed or groomed appropriately. If a student is not dressed properly, parents will be called to bring in suitable clothing or alternative clothing may be provided.

It is not practical for St. Croix to establish written rules for every single issue of dress that may arise. At those times when personal judgments are made, Christian young people will honor the decisions of those whom the Lord has placed into positions of authority.