

St. Mary's County Public Schools
STUDENT DRESS CODE

Standards for appropriate attire shall include the following:

Clothing and Accessories in General

- Clothing displaying or suggesting profanity; sexual activity through graphic images, words, or innuendos; weapons; drugs/alcohol or drug paraphernalia; violence; or tobacco products may not be worn.
- Clothing with identifiable gang/crew representation or paraphernalia may not be worn.
- Suggestive or provocative clothing such as see-through clothing or shirts/blouses/dresses with low necklines which show cleavage may not be worn.
- Official St. Mary's County Public Schools' athletic uniforms may be allowed at the discretion of the coach.
- Student dress for mixers (informal dances) must be in compliance with the Student Dress Code.

Head

- Hats/Headaddresses may only be worn indoors for religious or health reasons.

Shirts and Blouses

- Shirts and blouses should be continuous from the neckline to the waist of the pants/skirt/skort. Shirt straps should be at least two (2) inches wide over the shoulder or covered by a sweater, jacket, or other shirt and in any case, strapless shirts/blouses may not be worn. The midriff area (front, back, and sides) must not be visible at any time even when seated.
- No undergarments should be exposed.
- Shirts having large armholes and neck holes, such as muscle shirts, may not be worn.

Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts, dresses, and spandex skirts should be approximately one (1) inch below the fingertips.
- Dress straps should be at least two (2) inches wide over the shoulder or covered by a sweater, jacket, or other shirt and in any case, strapless dresses may not be worn.

Pants and Shorts/Skorts

- Pants and shorts/skorts should be secured at waist: no sagging below waist to expose undergarments.
- Tights, stretch pants, leggings, and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing which meet the skirt/dress directives.
- Shorts/skorts should be approximately one inch below the fingertips.
- Pajama pants may not be worn.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn that are safe for all activities.
- Elementary school students must wear shoes that are secured behind the ankle.
- Shoes with wheels may not be worn.

Accessories

- Jewelry, belts, chains, and other accessories that may be used as or look like a weapon or create a significant disruption may not be worn.
- Studded accessories are not permitted.

It is recognized that age and maturity may be considered in determining the appropriateness of a student's attire. Appropriateness will be determined by the school principal/designee.

Any questions related to this dress code should be directed to your child's school or the St. Mary's County Public Schools Department of Student Services at 301-475-5511, Option 2.