

Dress Code Policy

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DRESS CODE AND GROOMING POLICY

The dress code and grooming standards at St. Mark Lutheran School are designed to enhance general school discipline and minimize distractions. The support of students, parents, and faculty in upholding these standards is expected and appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you are in doubt about any of these dress standards; please ask in advance. Administration will have the final say.

St. Mark students in Kindergarten through 8th grade wear uniforms to school. Students are expected to arrive at and leave the campus dressed according to uniform policy. School uniform attire will be worn during Extended Care.

All uniform clothing must be purchased from Parker Uniforms. A list of approved uniform clothing items is available in the school office. Parker Uniforms - 1110 N. Park Oak, Houston, TX, 77055. 713-681-9050

The chapel uniform must be worn on days when the student body gathers for chapel worship. No other non-St. Mark sweat shirt may be worn during the school day. Students have a choice of the standard dress uniform or other approved uniform options on non-chapel days.

GIRLS

Girls in grades K through 4 will wear the yellow blouse (un-tucked), the plaid skirt/skort, and the blue scarf tie for chapel.

Girls in grades 5 through 8 will wear the white 3/4 sleeve un-tucked blouse, khaki skirt and the red tie for chapel.

BOYS

Boys in grades K through 4 will wear the yellow short sleeve oxford, navy pants and the plaid tie. Boys in grades 5 through 8 will wear the blue and white striped oxford, khaki pants and the red tie. The blue uniform sweater or sweatshirt may be worn inside the building during the school day, but may not be worn to chapel.



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The official St. Mark uniform T-shirt is to be worn only on Fridays and any other special dress days authorized by the principal.

RESALE STORE. For your convenience we have a resale shop open from 7:30-9am on Wednesdays. You are able to exchange clothing items for the same number of items, or we ask that you donate a small amount for the items that you take. A suggested donation price list is posted on the inside of the uniform room doors.

GROOMING AND DRESS STANDARDS

Students at St. Mark Lutheran School are expected to adhere to the following personal grooming and dress standards:

1. Boys' hair should be cut above the collar.
2. Boys' and girls' hair should be clean and well groomed, out of eyes, and not below the eyebrows.

Style and color should not be extreme or distracting. No colored streaks or spray-in coloring.

3. All students are expected to wear athletic shoes, loafers, or oxfords. Boots, moccasins, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, or Ugs are not allowed. Shoes with eyelets must be laced and tied.

4. Appropriately solid color or white socks should be worn at all times. Girls in all grades must wear appropriate uniforms and solid colored tights. Knee-high socks may be worn (navy blue, white, khaki) "No Show" socks may be worn. No Leggings. No Argyle designs.

5. All shirts must be tucked in while on school campus except girl's chapel shirts.

6. All shirts must have the St. Mark Logo. The pants should have the Parker/Lyidian Uniform tag showing.

7. Brown belts are required for all students in grades 2 and above. On any clothing item with belt loops, the belt must be worn inside the loops. Shorts and pants should fit securely at the waist.

8. Girls' skirts, jumpers, shorts and skorts should be of a modest length. *Skirt length can be no shorter than 3" above the top of the kneecap front and back. Shorts should be no shorter than 5" above the top of the kneecap.*

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Girls may not roll up the waistband of their skirts. One of our church members Ilse Granizo, the owner of BTT Alterations & Cleaners, 8409 Long Point, Houston, Texas 77055 has offered a special for St. Mark families: Skirts hemmed for \$8.00 and pants hemmed for \$6.50 The phone number for BTT Alterations is 713-932-8055.

9. Girls 5-8 Blouses come in tall sizes. Girls should be fitted so no skin is showing when arms are raised. Shirts should not be too tight.
10. Coats should not be worn inside the classrooms. The blue uniform sweater or sweatshirt may be worn inside the building for additional warmth, but may not be worn to chapel.
11. Hats or caps are not allowed inside the building during the school day.
12. Appropriate, modest jewelry may be worn. Visible body-piercing jewelry other than pierced earrings for girls is not allowed. Boys may not wear earrings. No visible tattoos or temporary tattoos. No upper ear piercing is allowed.
13. T-shirts worn under uniform shirts must be white with no lettering or design. The sleeves must not extend beyond the uniform shirtsleeve.
14. Uniforms must be clean, properly fitting, and in good repair. Clothing items with holes, torn seams, missing buttons, etc. must be repaired or replaced.

Dress Code Violations and Consequences

Kindergarten – Grade 1 contacting the parent.

Grade 2 – 4

Grade 5 – 8

The classroom teacher will attend to any dress code violations by

1st Violation – Warning

2nd Violation – Loss of recess

3rd Violation – One hour detention

4th Violation – Conference between parent and principal

1st Violation – Warning

2nd and following Violations – Loss of a free dress/jeans day privilege

All Dress Code Violations are forgiven at the end of each semester.