

St. Charles School Dress Code Policies



2024-2025

V. DRESS CODE

St. Charles School maintains a dress code. Uniforms must be purchased at Dennis Uniform Company; 1282 Oddstad Drive, Redwood City, CA 94063 (650-299-9623). All items should be marked with your child's name. Uniforms are also available in our Uniform Exchange closet. Please see the school office for help with Uniform Exchange.

Dress and grooming affect students' attitudes and habits in school; therefore, students need to present themselves in a manner that does not offend the rules of decency or detract from the learning environment. The faculty and staff of St. Charles School reserve the right to determine whether a student's attire meets the established guidelines on "free dress" or uniform days. Please check your child's choice of clothing before he or she leaves for school to ensure that it complies with the guidelines and is appropriate for a K-8 school environment. Students who are in violation of the guidelines will be asked to change into appropriate attire.

Students are expected to wear their entire uniform unless there is an emergency or they have a free dress day. If your child must be out of uniform, please send a note explaining the situation to the classroom teacher. If you fail to send a note, you may be asked to bring your child's uniform from home.

General Policy

1. Makeup is unacceptable, and only clear nail polish is allowed. No tinted sunscreen.
2. Jewelry must be discreet and in accordance with the criteria outlined below.
3. Skirt length should not be shorter than **4 inches** from the top of the knee. Repeated violation of skirt length may result in a requirement to wear slacks instead of a skirt or skort.
4. "Sagging" is not allowed. Pants must be worn at the waist.
5. Socks should be sport socks; no show, ankle length, or knee length.
6. Full tights from waist to toe are acceptable.
7. Tights or leggings (**black or navy blue only**) that end before the toe are also **acceptable but need to be covered by socks**.
8. Extreme hairstyles and/or hair dyes are not permitted.(No mohawks or vertical cuts in the hair or eyebrows.)
9. No undergarment may be longer than shorts, skirts, or skorts.
10. During recess periods a non-uniform jacket or coat may be worn in addition to the uniform attire.
11. Students are to wear the uniform sweatshirt or fleece jacket to school liturgies.

While on campus, all students are expected to adhere to the Dress Code.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	NOT PERMITTED
Shirt	White or red short or long sleeve polos or blouses. Shirts must be tucked in when not wearing a fleece vest or sweatshirt. Shirts may not hang below the vest or sweatshirt.	NO Untucked shirts
Pants	Dennis' blue twill	NO 1. Leggings 2. Sweats 3. Denim
Shorts	Navy regulation, no cargo style	NO Leggings, tights, or sweatpants under shorts. Undergarments should not be seen.
Jumpers or Skorts	Plaid regulation, Grades K - 4	NO Shorter than 4" above knee
Skirts or Skorts	Plaid regulation, grades 5-8	NO Shorter than 4" above knee
Sweatshirt	Navy Dennis Uniform with school name (Required for formal uniform days) PE DAYS ONLY – spirit wear or sports team sweatshirts may be worn.	NO Other non-uniform sweatshirts or sweaters.
Fleece Jacket/Vest	Navy Dennis Uniform with school crest (Required for formal uniform days) PE DAYS ONLY – spirit wear or sports team jackets may be worn.	NO Navy blue or any other color of sweater (cardigan, v-neck, etc.) without the school logo.
Belt	Belts are optional, but must be brown, black, or blue when worn.	
Jewelry	1. Wristwatch, one ring—both must be simple 2. Small and safe post earrings optional for girls. 3. All students may wear a very discreet, plain gold or silver chain (necklace) with a small religious medal or cross.	NO 1. Hoops or dangling earrings 2. Bracelets. 3. Pierced jewelry beyond one earring per ear. 4. "bling"/flashy jewelry
Hair	1. Hair must be the individual's natural color. 2. Boys' hair must be above the collar and above the eyebrows. 3. Girls may wear headbands of the following solid colors. - White, Black, Navy Blue, Grey, Red, or School Plaid 4. Girls may wear bows of solid school colors - White, Black, Navy Blue, Grey, Red, or School Plaid	NO 1. Distracting hairstyles (No mohawks or vertical cuts in the hair or eyebrows.) 2. Dyed hair. 3. Glittered headbands. 4. Headbands with protruding attachments.
Socks/Tights	Tights with skirts or jumpers are optional for girls. 1. Must be solid colors of white, black, or navy blue. Socks with one tasteful logo are acceptable. 1. May be no show, ankle length, or knee length in style.	NO 1. Socks or tights with words on them. 2. Striped, argyle, checkered or other patterned socks/tights.

<p>Shoes</p>	<p>Shoes must be flat. Shoes must be tied, Velcro fastened, or buckled with a strap. Shoes must be white, black, navy blue, brown/tan, or grey.</p> <p>It is OK if the shoe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a tasteful company logo such as the Nike “swoosh” or the company name such as “UnderArmour.” • Is a combination of ONLY 2 acceptable shoe colors, including the sole. • Is slip on 	<p>NO</p> <p>1. Shoes that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Slippers · Boat Shoes · Graffiti · Moccasins · Roller Shoes · Light Up Shoes · Boots
<p>Masks</p>	<p>When masks are required by the State of California to be worn, or if a child chooses to wear a mask to school, the following rules apply:</p> <p>Masks Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be appropriately fitted • Cover nose and mouth completely • Be clean each day <p>Disposable masks may be worn.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>1. Masks that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Are too big. · Are dirty.

PE UNIFORM

PE uniforms may be worn on PE Days when there is no Mass. These items can be purchased at our online spirit store through Goetz Sporting Goods <https://stcharles.itemorder.com/shop/sale>. Guidelines are outlined below. It is still an optional uniform; students may choose to wear their school uniform for PE.

- PE shorts or sweatpants must **BE BLACK**.
- PE shirts must be **RED OR BLACK**.
- All PE items must be purchased through our online store and carry the STC insignia.
- St. Charles School spirit sweatshirts and school teams’ shirts may also be worn as part of the PE Uniform.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Periodic non-uniform days will be allowed during the school year. Children may receive non-uniform passes for birthdays or for a special reward. Children may be out of uniform on these days but should be dressed appropriately for school. Non-uniform attire should conform to the standards of good taste and be appropriate for a school environment. The following must be adhered to:

- Non-uniform clothes should cover the body as much as the school uniform covers the body.
- Makeup is unacceptable, and only clear nail polish is allowed.
- Jewelry must be discreet and in accordance with the school uniform criteria outlined above.
- Shirts should be in good taste.
- Clothing that advertises, promotes, or glamorizes drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, weapons, or displays foul or sexually suggestive language or symbols are not permitted.
- No tank tops or sleeveless team jerseys may be worn.
- No cropped tops or cropped sweatshirts.
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time, including field trips. No bathing suit “bra tops” worn on top of other clothing.

- Students may not wear clothing that is representative or perceived to be of gang affiliation.
- Proper fitting jeans may be worn, no tears, rips, or ragged hems.
- “Yoga pants” or other similar stretch/spandex pants may be worn if shirts completely cover the student’s backside.
- For safety reasons, flip-flops, slippers, **Crocs**, sandals, platform shoes, boots, and high-heeled shoes **may not be worn**.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Free, used uniforms are available throughout the school year. If you have uniforms in good condition that your children have outgrown, please donate them to the Uniform Exchange by dropping them off at the office. If you’d like to pick up a uniform, simply stop by the school office for assistance. There is no charge for this service.