

Dress Code Policy: Students

The development of self-respect, self-discipline, motivation, school unity and pride, modesty and other Catholic values are critical to the formation of students at Mary of Lourdes School. The dress code is a reflection of who we are as a community of Christians.

Students' appearance and clothing is to be neat, clean, modest and appropriate for the weather and the day's activities. The following rules are applied in school, on school grounds and at all school functions, including special events.

- A. The celebration of Holy Mass is an integral part of faith formation and school curriculum. Students shall take special care on Mass days to "dress up" in order to show reverence and respect. No shorts or tattered/ripped clothing will be allowed in church on Mass days. Shirts with sleeves are required. Polo shirts are recommended for the boys. Hooded shirts may be worn appropriately. Dress pants or khakis are encouraged. Students may change into jeans after Mass, if they wish.
- B. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- C. Skirts, dresses, skorts, and shorts are no more than 2 inches off the floor when kneeling (shortest part).
- D. All upper body garments must have two straps, one per shoulder, at least 2 inches wide with no part of undergarments or spaghetti straps showing. No skin must be visible between upper or lower body garments when your hands are fully extended above the head.
- E. Body garments must fit properly without being excessively tight, low cut or sheer. The neckline will not extend one inch beyond the clavicle.
- F. All pants at hip level or above with no part of undergarments showing. All pants (leggings, yoga pants, skinny jeans, jeggings, capris, etc.) are required to be at hip level or above with no part of undergarments showing, and are not excessively tight. Tights may not substitute for pants. Tight fitting leggings and pants that look like tights or leggings can only be worn if under a skirt, dress, skorts, or shorts that adhere to the dress code or be worn with a non-sheer garment that reaches to student's fingertips.
- G. Hats, hoods, and sunglasses shall not be worn at Mass. They also will not be worn in school unless it is a designated day or deemed medically necessary.

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H. The school will prohibit any apparel, jewelry, or accessory which promotes or suggests approval of products or activities that are illegal for minors. This includes tobacco, drug and alcohol products. The school will prohibit any clothing, jewelry or accessory that displays a message or picture that is lewd, vulgar, violent or obscene (including double entendres). This includes those that may be construed as racist, sexist, or derogatory to any minority group, or in violation of school sexual harassment policy.

The professional and support staff would be responsible to enforce policy. Students who are not dressed appropriately will be sent to the office. Parents will be called and students will be required to change clothes. Offensive jewelry or accessories will be confiscated. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary consequences as deemed appropriate by building principal.

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