

DRESS CODE

At St. Pius X High School, the dress code is designed to minimize students' attempts to compete with one another through style of clothes and fashions. Furthermore, the school is convinced that the uniform has a direct impact on the learning environment. With that in mind, parents are expected to reinforce the uniform code as printed below.

The school dress code is meant to help avoid extremes in student dress, hairstyle, etc. Specifically, girls may wear earrings in earlobes only. (No gauge earrings.) Boys may not wear earrings. No other pierced areas should be adorned or visible. (No tongue rings.) Tattoos are not allowed to be visible. In addition, boys and girls must have natural-colored hair, one color only. Boys and Girls hair must be clean and neat.

The school uniform is to be purchased from the authorized uniform company. Since all items of the uniform are available through the uniform company or the school bookstore, the school reserves the right to interpret standards of dress for the individual that deviates from what is prescribed in the code. Parents who shop at other stores for uniform items are to purchase only close "look-alikes" to the official uniform; the school administration will be the final judge in the substitution of items.

For those who are in violation of the dress code, any of the following consequences may be imposed. Demerits may be given for the purpose of warning for minor dress code violations such as untucked shirts, no belts, etc. Discipline referrals may be given for repeat offenders or for other violations. Students may also be sent home or asked to have appropriate dress provided at school before being allowed to return to class.

Girls Uniform consists of the following:

1. Girls may wear khaki (military tan) or black dress slacks or capri style pants available for purchase through the uniform company. Look-alikes must be comparable in color, fit and style to those from the uniform company. No other slacks will be permitted. Exterior pockets and/or rivets are not allowed.
2. Any pants with belt loops must have a belt that fit through the belt loops. Belt must be black or brown leather. Novelty belts are not permitted are allowed.
3. Students will be allowed to wear tennis shoes all year. Tennis shoes need to cover the entire foot. (No open toes or heels.) Dress shoes may also be worn (no combat boots, sandals, clogs, crocs, slippers, open toe or shoes without backs).
4. No accessory scarves or wraps around the neck or waist are permitted.

Boys Uniform is as follows:

1. Khaki (military tan) dress slacks are to be worn with a belt. The slacks may be purchased from the uniform company. Look-alikes must be comparable in color, fit and style to those from the uniform company. No other slacks will be permitted. Exterior pockets and/or rivets are not allowed.
2. Belts must be worn and be black or brown leather; athletic or novelty belts are not permitted.
3. Socks are to be worn – black or white only.
4. Students will be allowed to wear tennis shoes all year. Tennis shoes still need to cover the entire foot. (No open toes or heels.) Dress school shoes may also be worn (no combat boots, sandals, clogs, crocs, slippers, open toe or shoes without backs).
5. Boys are to be cleanly shaven, and are not to wear earrings at school or school functions. Boys' hair should be kept at a short length (the principal or assistant principal shall be the final judge). Boys who are unshaven will be asked to shave or will be asked to return home. Repeat offenders will also be asked to shave and will receive a detention. **Disposable razors will be provided at a cost of \$2.00 each.**

Boys and Girls:

Tops

1. White, light blue, or navy polo shirts may be purchased at the bookstore or through the uniform company with the SPX logo or initials. White, light blue, or navy polo shirts may be purchased from any store with no logo, pocket, or different type sleeve.
2. White or blue oxford shirt/blouses (with collars and buttoned down the front) are to be worn when the student is in the school building, before, during and after the school day. Shirts and blouses are to be tucked inside of slacks or capris; they should be clean, ironed, and free of holes.
3. Navy, white, gray or natural sweaters, purchased from the uniform company **or the St. Pius X bookstore**, may be worn as part of the uniform. **Sweatshirts and polos with embroidered St. Pius X logos, purchased in the book store, may also be worn. Hooded sweatshirts of any kind are prohibited.**
4. White, light blue, navy or black turtlenecks may be worn under **long-sleeved** shirts or blouses. Long sleeved undershirts or t-shirts may be worn as part of the uniform under long-sleeved shirts.
5. Approved St. Pius X logo shirts or blouses or plain white or light blue collared polo shirts without any logo may be worn.

Jackets and other coats are not to be worn in the building during the class day unless allowed by the principal because of cold weather. Hats may not be worn inside the school building.

Students will be evaluated for dress at the beginning of each day during 1st hour. Students who are out of dress code at that time will be referred to the assistant principal and sent home to change if necessary. Students must either contact a parent and get permission to go home and change or in the case of non-driving students, parents must either bring a clothing change to school or pick the student up to take home to change clothes. Time missed from class due to clothing problems is not considered excused and the student will take a zero on the work missed. Students who violate the dress code repeatedly will be assigned detentions. Continued violations will result in suspension from school and a conference will be held with the assistant principal, the student and the parents.

Out of Uniform/Jeans Day:

Students may wear clean, neat jeans **or blue jean capris** (not worn, torn, or with holes) on approved Jeans Days. Shirts advertising alcohol/drugs, rock groups, or shirts with obscene symbols or language are not allowed. Normally, SPX t-shirts are required to be worn on jeans day.

HOT WEATHER UNIFORM: During the months of August, September, April, and May, khaki walking shorts purchased only through the uniform company may be worn. The khaki shorts must have the school seal on the left leg; the seal must be visible at all times -- shorts are not to be rolled up.

BOOKBAG, BACKPACK AND CARRYALL POLICY

Students are not allowed to carry books and other items into classrooms in book bags, backpacks or carryall bags. There is adequate passing time between periods.