

Dress Code

Shirts and sweatshirts with the Holy Family logo will be available for ordering during the summer and fall. Shirts are not required to have the embroidered logo, but sweatshirts must have the logo with no alterations. Order forms will be sent home this summer and periodically throughout the first semester.

The Topeka Catholic Schools adopted a standardized dress code in August 1995. A student's appearance should reflect a Christian training and should not detract from nor disrupt the educational process.

*Jewelry may be worn, but may not be a distraction or unsafe.

*Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings in moderation but they may not fall more than 1/2 inch below the bottom of the ears. No other visible piercings or tattoos are allowed.

*Girls who choose to wear makeup must keep it to a minimum.

*Neatness in appearance is important to the uniform, no holes, rips, or significant stains. Hair must be neatly groomed. Hair may not exceed the collar in the back, the top of the ears on the sides, and the eyebrows in front for Boys. Facial hair is prohibited. Highlights to the hair are allowed if they compliment the natural hair color. Shapes and figures may not be shaved into the hair including bangs being combed up.

*Athletic shoes or dress shoes with rubber soles (non-marking soles) are allowed. Sandals may be worn, but all shoes must have a manufactured strap around the heel. Backless shoes are not allowed. If girls chose to wear tights they must cover the entire leg.

Boys:

Long Pants: Cotton, twill, navy blue or khaki, no skinny pants/jeggings

Walking shorts: Cotton, twill, navy blue or khaki

Shirts: red, white, navy blue or black (Oxford, polo or turtleneck in long or short sleeve style)

V-neck Cardigan: black or red

Sweatshirts: black or red/must have logo

Girls:

Long pants: Cotton, twill, navy blue or khaki *no skinny pants

Capri pants: Cotton, twill, navy blue or khaki. Beginning in Fall 2007, all girls may wear Capri pants

Walking shorts: Cotton, twill, navy blue, khaki or Macbeth plaid

Skorts: Cotton twill, navy blue or khaki

Plaid Skirt/Jumper: MacBeth plaid

Jumpers: Navy blue or khaki

Knee-length skirt: Navy blue or khaki, MacBeth plaid

Shirts: Red, white, navy blue or black (Oxford , polo or turtleneck in long or short sleeve style)

V-neck cardigan: black or red

Sweatshirts/Hoodies: Must have logo (red or black)

Any combination of the above items is acceptable. Sweatshirts must have a collared shirt in uniform colors underneath. Uniforms may be purchased at any store as long as they meet the outlined requirements.

Students may not wear sweatpants or leggings on dress down days, regular school days or spirit days. Students may wear sweatpants if they are part of a pajama day or a special teacher approved activity. Students may wear single solid color leggings under skirts/skort. Denim pants and cargo pants are not allowed.

Pants/shorts are not allowed to have rivets. Bell bottoms and cuts in the seems are not allowed. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Pants must rest on the natural waistline. T-shirts may be worn under shirts, but should not have writing or advertising which can be seen through the shirt and must be white, grey, navy, black, or red in color.

STUDENTS MAY WEAR SWEATPANTS IF THEY ARE A PART OF A PAJAMA DAY OR A SPECIAL TEACHER APPROVED ACTIVITY.

Once a month, students are allowed to wear Spirit shirts on Spirit Day. They may wear Holy Family shirts, Hayden shirts or parochial league jerseys. **THEY MUST WEAR UNIFORM BOTTOMS.** If a student is not wearing uniform bottoms they will have to wait in the office for a parent/guardian to bring them clothes. Holy Family spirit shirts are available for order through the office or online at www.holyfamilytopeka.net.

The classroom teacher enforces our Dress Code. Parents will be notified by referral if the child is not in conformity. The notice must be signed by a parent and returned to school. Third violation will result in conduct referrals.

NOTE REGARDING COLD WEATHER POLICY AND ATTIRE: We strongly encourage parents to help students decide when it is too cold for shorts and short sleeve shirts. When the "feels like" temperature is between 9 and 19 degrees we will be going outside for an abbreviated recess and PE for 5-10 minutes-providing there is no precipitation. When the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees and above we will go outside for recess and PE as usual. We will be REQUIRING students in kindergarten through fourth grade to have clothing covering their arms and legs in order to go outside for recess or PE on those days. For grades five through eight we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE legs and arms be covered.

It is very important that students participate in physical activity as part of their school day. With this in mind, please help us get as many kids outside as possible by helping your children choose the appropriate clothing for the weather.

Any clothing that might be removed during the day, such as sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets, should be labeled with the students name for identification. The school is not responsible for lost clothing.

THE ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE DRESS CODE STANDARD.