

St. Ignatius School Dress Code 2018-2019 (Kindergarten-Eighth Grade)

Families choosing St. Ignatius School understand that our dress code uniforms help us achieve several outcomes for students.

1. Requiring uniforms sets a standard and expectation that students come ready to learn: students know from waking up that they need to put on their uniform because they are going to school. It underscores our purpose together.
2. Participating in this culture both cultivates and communicates discipline and self-confidence. It is a discipline to show up prepared each day. The uniform is a visible commitment to our purpose and readiness to be in the school environment.
3. As all students meet this expectation to attend, it helps create camaraderie and school spirit: you are a gator!

Please note: Many schools require one uniform from a specific buyer to ensure conformity, period. The detailed dress code at St. Ignatius is to grant as much support and flexibility to families as possible in selecting uniform items. The uniform exchange is also a great way to meet your uniform needs and is offered multiple times a year by Parent Association.

Changes for 2018-19

1. **Sunday Best:** Since mass will be offered for 3 out of 4 weeks next year, mass will require uniforms instead of "Sunday Best," as in past years. Sunday Best may still be called for on extra special occasions.
2. **School Spirit Days:** Students will be invited to wear 'Gator Gear (St. Ignatius branded items, CYO team shirts, Jog-a-Thon shirts, etc) with jeans when announced.
3. **Bow Ties!** After student request, we have a new option for a tie – bow tie, solid navy or Kirk plaid
4. **Socks, tights and leggings** must conform to dress code and be in white, navy, gray or black.

SHIRTS:

FIT: All shirts should display a comfortable fit—not overly tight, and not oversized.

- ❖ Polo Shirt
 - Short or long-sleeved solid white or royal blue polo (no navy blue), with any style of collar.
 - Optional: embroidered school logo.
 - All short sleeve polo shirts must have sleeves with a minimum 2" seam on the underside of the sleeve.
 - Polo shirts must be long enough to tuck in. Tucking in the shirt is optional.
- ❖ White Button-down Collar Dress Shirt.
- ❖ Bow tie optional, in Kirk Plaid or navy.
- ❖ Undershirts
 - White only, short sleeve, sleeveless, tank top or turtleneck undershirts may be worn under polo or dress shirts but must be tucked in and must not show other than at the neck. No logos, plain white only.

PANTS:

FIT: Students must observe a "no show zone", which means the top of the pants must be high enough, and the shirt tail long enough, so that no skin is showing when the arms are extended over the head.

Pants should be not overly tight, oversized, or sagging.

- ❖ Twill dress/uniform style pants

- Navy blue in color for all grades, khaki for grades 6-8 only.
- No capri or rolled pants.
- Rear pockets, hip pockets and flap pockets are all acceptable; cargo pockets are not acceptable.
- May not have stitching in a contrasting color.
- ❖ Corduroy uniform pants
 - Navy blue for all grades, khaki for grades 6-8 only.

SWEATERS: Uniform shirts are to be worn under all sweaters.

- Long-sleeved solid royal blue, navy blue or white sweater with any style of collar. No hoods or zippers.
- Optional: embroidered school logo.

SWEATSHIRTS: Uniform shirts are to be worn under all sweatshirts and fleece, with collar visible

- ❖ St. Ignatius school sweatshirts in crew neck or half-zip style, with school logo (no CYO sweatshirts).

SHORTS:

- Navy blue (all grades) and khaki (6 – 8 only) shorts that follow the style and pockets of the dress/uniform pants;
- Acceptable length is between knee length and no shorter than 2” above the knee (not below the knee).

JUMPERS/SKIRTS/SKORTS for Girls: Acceptable length is between 2” above the knee and 2” below the knee.

- ❖ St. Ignatius plaid jumpers, skirts and skorts
 - Jumper in the Kirk Plaid can only be purchased from Dennis Uniform
 - Shorts must be worn under jumpers and skirts, and must not be visible below the hemline.
- ❖ St. Ignatius jumpers, skirts and skorts, navy blue (all grades) or Khaki (6 – 8 only)

SOCKS: Socks must be worn at all times at school. Socks must be worn no higher than the knee. Girls may wear tights in place of socks. Tights or leggings must be form fitting and be solid black, navy, white or gray, **no prints or patterns allowed.**

SHOES:

- All shoes (including slip-ons) must have backs.
- No open-toe shoes.
- Velcro closure shoes are encouraged in Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade (until the student can tie laces without assistance).
- Students are encouraged to wear athletic-style shoes that allow for play during recess.
- The school discourages students from wearing boots (of any kind) to school.
- Closed-toe flats or low heels with backs are acceptable.

SUNDAY BEST:

- Shirts with sleeves. Shirts with collars preferred. No t-shirts, shirts with writing, or camouflage. Sweaters may be worn but no sweatshirt.
- Dress slacks. No jeans or athletic wear.

- Dress shorts in any color that follow the style, pocket and length guidelines of the regular uniform shorts.
- Dresses (with sleeves) or skirts that follow the length guidelines of the regular uniform jumper / skirt / skort.
- Leggings may be worn on free dress days, as an undergarment only.
- Undergarments / bra straps should not be visible.

FREE DRESS: Periodically there are “free dress” days where students are allowed to wear casual clothes in good condition – jeans included.

- Tops must have sleeves.
- T-shirts must be appropriate for a K-8 Catholic school. No alcohol, tobacco, inappropriate wording or pictures.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses may be of any color and must follow the length guidelines of the regular uniform policy.
- Leggings may be worn on free dress days, as an undergarment only.
- Cotton stretch pants may be worn by girls in grades K-3 only; cannot be skin tight or overly baggy.
- Students may wear free dress on their birthday or half-birthday (for summer birthdays).
- Free dress for field trips is at the option of the teacher.
- On all school days students must observe a “no show zone”, which means the top of the pants must be high enough, and the shirt tail long enough, so that no skin is showing when the arms are extended over the head.

OTHER:

- Hats and hoods may not be worn in the school building and cafeteria.
- Make-up should be lightly applied (this will be up to the discretion of teachers and administration). Make up should be worn by junior high students only.
- Small post earrings are allowed – no hoops or dangling earrings. Other small jewelry are allowed.
- Hair styles and colors must remain natural appearing and non-distracting to others (i.e. totally bleached or dyed, tipping or bold streaked styles are not allowed, as well as non-natural colors or unusual styles).
- Eighth graders may wear their class’s specially designed St. Ignatius eighth grade class sweatshirt.

P.E. SHOES: To protect the gym floor, students must have a dedicated pair of PE shoes that remain at school. Questions about gym shoes should be directed to our P.E. teacher.

- Gym shoes are to be athletic style shoes with full backs that will stay on feet during active play.
- Gym shoes need not be new. Previously used shoes are acceptable if the soles are scrubbed clean prior to use. Student names should be marked inside shoes.
- Soles must be non-marking.
- Velcro closures are required for all preschoolers, kindergartners, and for 1st and 2nd graders who have not mastered tying laces.

P.E. UNIFORMS (grade 5 – 8 only):

- St. Ignatius P.E. uniform, purchased from the school or Sideline Designs.
- P.E. uniform should fit the student – not oversized, “sagging” or tight.
- P.E. uniforms must be stored in a fabric bag, which may be purchased from the school or Sideline Designs.
- All students should bring deodorant (no aerosol deodorant).

