

## INTRODUCTION

School uniforms promote unity, modesty, and neatness. They should in no way be worn or altered to make a fashion statement. Our uniforms prevent unnecessary fashion competition and promote good attitudes and habits in school so as not to detract from the learning environment. The faculty and staff of

St. Francis of Assisi reserves the right to determine whether a student's attire meets the established guidelines whether it is a regular uniform day, Mass/Formal day or "free dress" day. As we partner together in the mission of St. Francis, please check your child's choice of clothing to ensure that it meets the uniform guidelines and is appropriate for school. Students that are in violation of the dress code will be asked to change into appropriate attire.

All students enrolled in St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School must wear the entire uniform as described below 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. All school uniforms are available for purchase at DENNIS, 10266 Rockingham Dr, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95827 or online at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) (*school code: USTFRA*). PE Uniforms will be available online multiple times a year through Athletics Unlimited. Twill pants or shorts and white or gray uniform shirts may also be purchased elsewhere. The school cannot anticipate every fashion trend that may develop and therefore reserves the right to make judgments regarding the application of these general guidelines to specific items at any time.

## **GENERAL POLICY**

1. Students must be in uniform starting the first day of school.
2. Students should practice proper hygiene daily.
3. Uniforms must fit appropriately and modestly. NO "tight-fitting" clothing.
4. Skirt, jumper, skort or short length may not be shorter than 3" (inches) from the top of the knee (***repeat violations of skirt length may result in a requirement to wear pants instead of a skirt, jumper or skort.***)
5. During to and from school and recess periods, non-St. Francis jackets or coats may be worn in addition to the uniform attire.

While on campus, all students are expected to adhere to the Dress Code in accordance with the following guidelines:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	NOT PERMITTED
Shirt 1. White or gray short or long sleeve polo or blouse. 2. Shirts must be tucked in when in Church. 3. St. Francis Spirit shirts may be worn on PE day. (Jog-a-Thon shirt) 4. Solid white undershirts only (optional). 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Burgundy shirt may be worn. Girls- optional white blouse with peter pan collar	NO • Holes • Designer logos

<p>Pants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navy blue twill pants only.</li> <li>2. Must be worn at waist with belt for formal gatherings such as Mass (grades 4 – 8)</li> </ol>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denim</li> <li>• Cargo</li> <li>• Yoga style pants</li> <li>• Holes</li> </ul>
<p>Shorts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navy blue twill shorts only.</li> <li>2. Must be worn at waist with belt for formal gatherings such as Mass (grades 4-8)</li> </ol>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denim</li> <li>• Cargo</li> <li>• Holes</li> <li>• NO shorter than 3” above the knee.</li> </ul>
<p>Jumpers or Skorts</p> <p>School plaid (grades TK – 3)</p>	<p>NO shorter than 3” above the knee.</p>
<p>Skirts or Skorts</p> <p>School plaid (grades 4 – 8)</p>	<p>NO shorter than 3” above the knee.</p>
<p>Sweatshirt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School navy sweatshirt with school crest. May be worn at all times.</li> <li>2. St. Francis club sweatshirts may be worn with principal’s approval.</li> <li>3. 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jr. High sweatshirts may be worn.</li> <li>4. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – High-school-to-be sweatshirt may be worn after Easter break.</li> </ol>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-SF sweatshirts are not to be worn at ANYTIME</li> </ul>
<p>Sweaters or Vest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School navy with or without crest (optional).</li> </ol>	
<p>Belt</p> <p>(Boys) Brown, black or blue belt (grades 4 – 8)</p>	
<p>Socks and tights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be solid colors of white, navy, black or gray. tights</li> <li>2. Must at least be visible.</li> <li>3. Small company logo is permitted (i.e., Small Nike “swoosh”, small Vans text, etc.)</li> <li>4. Full-length tights or leggings with jumpers, skirts, skorts or PE shorts (including boys)</li> </ol>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Striped, argyle, checkered or other patterned socks.</li> <li>• Multi-colored socks.</li> <li>• Socks with words, etc.</li> </ul>

<p>Shoes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flat sole, closed and sturdy. No heels or platforms</li> <li>2. Must be at the ankle or below (basketball shoes, high top converse, or lower shoes)</li> <li>3. Must be tied, Velcro fastened or buckle strapped.</li> <li>4. Must remain tied at all times.</li> <li>5. Correctly fitting Athletic slip-on sneakers may be worn (i.e., vans slip-ons)</li> </ol>	<p>NO shoes that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slippers of any kind</li> <li>• Boat shoes</li> <li>• Moccasins</li> <li>• UGGs</li> <li>• Roller shoes</li> <li>• Boots/Doc Martens</li> <li>• Sandals</li> </ul>
<p>Jewelry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simple jewelry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wristwatch (If smartwatch is worn, usage is agreed upon with administration and should be disconnected from cellular or Wi-Fi during the school day)</li> <li>• One ring</li> <li>• Discreet gold or silver chain/necklace with religious cross or medal</li> <li>• One rubber bracelet promoting a positive cause.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Small and safe post earrings for girls (optional).</li> <li>3. School is not responsible for lost jewelry.</li> </ol>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoops or dangling earrings</li> <li>• Pierced jewelry beyond one earring per ear</li> <li>• Flashy jewelry</li> </ul>
<p>Hair / Make-Up</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be the student's natural hair color</li> <li>2. Boys' hair should be clean, tidy, well-kept, and out of one's eyes.</li> <li>3. Modest sized hair ties, headbands or bows for girls may be worn (optional).</li> <li>4. Boys must be clean shaven</li> <li>5. Baseball caps worn in the traditional manner on the playground during recess.</li> <li>6. Nail polish is acceptable. No acrylic, dip or gel nails</li> </ol>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distracting hairstyles or facial hair</li> <li>• Mohawks or shaved designs</li> <li>• Dyed, bleached, or highlighted hair</li> <li>• Make-Up</li> </ul>
<p>PE Uniform</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School PE uniforms are to be worn on class PE days (except during Mass or when class leading Prayer Service).</li> <li>2. Gray PE shirt with Navy shorts or sweatpants.</li> <li>3. Any St. Francis spirit shirt (jog a thon shirt)</li> <li>4. Athletic, non-marking shoes must be worn.</li> <li>5. PE shirts may be worn un-tucked.</li> </ol>	
<p>Mass / Formal Uniform</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On Mass or other designated "Formal" days, students are to wear the Gray embroidered polo.</li> <li>2. Navy sweater, vest or cardigan may be worn.</li> <li>3. School sweatshirt with crest may be worn.</li> </ol> <p>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Burgundy embroidered polo may be Worn.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Belts must be worn for grades 4-8</li> </ol>	<p>No Free Dress on Mass Days</p>

## FREE DRESS

The following rules will be enforced regarding free dress:

1. Modesty and simplicity are guiding principles for free dress.
2. Interpretation of appropriate dress will be left up to the faculty of the school.
3. Clothing must not interfere with instruction or other activities.
4. Clothing must be clean and modest. No halter-tops, spaghetti straps, or tank tops; any sleeveless shirt must be at least three inches wide across the shoulder.
5. Clothing may not have markings, questionable pictures, drawings, symbols, or advertising on it (i.e., alcohol, cigarette, or drug endorsements, words which are racial slurs, sexual comments, intolerant words or comments of any kind).
6. Clothing may not be ripped or torn.
7. Shirts, blouses or tops must be worn at all times and must completely cover the chest area. Bare midriffs are not allowed and must fit appropriately.
8. Flat, closed shoes are the only shoes acceptable; Socks must be worn. (*In the case of a special event, specific instructions will be given*).
9. Shorts or skirts must not be too short. This clothing may be considered inappropriate if they are shorter than the tip of the longest finger when the arms are fully extended down the side of the student's body.
10. Jeans in good repair (with no holes, intentional or otherwise) will be acceptable for casual "free dress" (not on "dress up" days or addressing the student body at Mass).
11. Pants of any kind must fit appropriately and be worn at the waist.
12. Low, sagging pants are never permitted.
13. Hats may not be worn in the school building, except on special occasions.
14. Yoga style tight fitting pants or capri are never permitted.
15. Leggings and tights are not allowed to be worn alone. If worn, they are acceptable with shorts, skirts, or pants.

Violators of the clothing rules will be asked to call their parents who will be asked to bring them appropriate clothing. If students violate Free Dress repeatedly, further disciplinary consequences will be taken. Extension has their own rules for play clothes after school. Please note their handbook or check with Mrs. Sanchez (the Extension Director) if you have a question about clothing being appropriate.

## Uniform Exchange

We encourage parents to recycle their children's uniforms. After your child has outgrown them, bring clean uniforms to the Uniform Exchange Cabinet. Parents are welcome to take whatever uniforms they need. Uniform Exchange is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor outside of the cafeteria in between Performing Arts Room and Extension.