

## Appearance and Student Uniform Requirements

### INTRODUCTION

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 are available online year-round 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 judgements regarding the application of these general guidelines to specific items at any time.

The St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School dress code is meant to reflect the values, principles, and traditions of our school. Both faculty and students have designed this dress code to nurture the school environment with regard all genders, ages, and aspects of the uniform. Students must maintain a neat, clean, responsible, and respectful appearance.

If any aspects of the St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School uniform are not worn respectfully by any student, administration and the student's parents will discuss these issues with the student in a *private* meeting.

**School Shirts:**

**All Students:**

1. A proper gray short or long sleeve polo may be worn (w/ school crest for Mass and formal occasions).
2. Shirts must be tucked in when in church.
3. Optional white button up shirt or blouse may be worn.

**Junior High (optional):**

1. 7th and 8th Grade – Burgundy shirts may be worn.

**Pants:**

**All Students:**

1. Navy blue flat twill pants (i.e., cargo pants not permitted).
2. Pants must be neat and full length.
3. Must be worn at waist.
4. Pants worn with a belt for Mass and formal gatherings (*Grades 4-8*)

**Shorts:**

**All Students:**

1. Navy blue flat twill shorts only (i.e., cargo shorts not permitted).
2. Must be worn at waist.
3. Shorts worn with a belt for Mass and formal gatherings (*Grades 4-8*).

**Jumpers or Skorts:**

1. School plaid (Grades TK-3).

**Skirts or skorts:**

1. School plaid (Grades 4-8).

**Sweatshirt:**

**All Students:**

1. School navy sweatshirt with school crest.
2. St. Francis club sweatshirts may be worn with the principal's approval.
3. Non-St. Francis sweatshirts *may not be worn*.

**Junior High (optional):**

1. 7th and 8th Grade – Grey sweatshirt may be worn.
2. 8th Grade - Class designed sweatshirt may be worn.
3. \*\*\* 8th Grade - High School sweatshirt may be worn after admissions when determined by Principal.

**Sweaters or Vests:**

1. School navy, with or without crest (Optional).

**Jackets / Outwear:**

1. Any non-SF jacket/outwear may be worn outside only, especially during times of inclement weather (*School sweatshirts still must be worn inside the building and not replaced with non-school item*).

**Socks and Tights:**

1. Must be solid colors of white, navy, black, or gray.
2. Small company logo is permitted.
3. Full-length tights or leggings with jumpers, skirts, skorts, or shorts.

**Shoes:**

1. Flat sole, closed, and sturdy. No heels or platformed boots that appear as heels.
2. Must be at the ankle or below.
3. Must be tied, velcroed, buttoned, or strapped.
4. Only correctly fitting athletic sneakers may be worn.
5. Rain boots can be worn if wet outside.

**Jewelry:**

1. Wristwatch (If smartwatch may be worn, usage is agreed upon with administration and should be disconnected from cellular or WIFI during the school day...)
2. Earrings must not be technology free (ie. flickering lights, sounds, etc.)
3. Festive earrings depending on the time of year are allowed (i.e., Back-to-School BBQ, etc.)
4. School is not responsible for lost jewelry.
5. For health and safety reasons and the potential risk of loss, students must wear minimal jewelry that does not hinder physical activities.

**Hair/Makeup:*****All Students:***

1. Student's hair must be a natural color.
2. Hair should be out of one's eyes.
3. Hair ties, headbands, clips, bows, etc. may be worn (Optional).
4. Baseball caps and hats may be worn outside during breaks, or recess.

***Middle School (optional):***

1. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade - Nail polish is acceptable, as long as they are your real nails.
2. 8th grade may wear understated makeup such as mascara, concealer, and natural shades of blush

**PE Uniform:**

1. School PE uniforms are to be worn on class PE days except during Mass, or when the class may be leading a prayer service.
2. Gray PE shirt with navy shorts or sweatpants.
3. Any St. Francis spirit shirt (i.e., Jog-a-Thon, athletics)
4. Athletic shoes may be worn.
5. PE shirts may be worn untucked.

**Mass/Formal Uniform:****All Students:**

1. On Mass or any other designated, "Formal days," students are to wear the gray embroidered polo shirt.
2. Navy sweater, vest, or cardigan may be worn.
3. School sweatshirts may be worn.
4. Belts must be worn with shorts or pants for grades 4 - 8.
5. Free dress is not allowed on Mass days.

**Junior High:**

1. 7th and 8th grades burgundy embroidered polo shirts allowed.
2. 7th and 8th grade Junior high gray sweatshirts are allowed.
3. 8th grade class sweatshirts are allowed.

**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 the Performing Arts Room and Extension.