

Holy Cross Lutheran School

Dress Code Philosophy

The dress code at Holy Cross Lutheran School is geared toward simplicity, neatness, modesty and uniformity. Children come to school to learn; anything that detracts from the learning process is not appropriate in the classroom. It is recognized that there are varied opinions as to what constitutes neatness, modesty, and appropriateness. Holy Cross Lutheran School requests the cooperation of students and parents in adhering to the school's published dress code as we seek to glorify the Lord. **The administration at Holy Cross Lutheran School reserves the right to determine if a student's clothing is unacceptable; however, the primary responsibility for enforcing the dress code belongs to the parents, enabling the staff to focus on its primary goal of education.**

Dress Code for Grades K-8

BOYS

Colors:

Pants and Shorts:

Navy, Black or Khaki

Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Sweaters:

Solid colors only

Black Slacks or shorts are to be worn with a contrasting shirt color.

Pants:

- Proper fitting.
- Uniform basic, corduroy or uniform cargo pants.
- Material may not be denim, jersey, spandex, flannel or similar.
- Sweats and side stripes are not allowed.
- Pants should not be low riders, sagging and are not to drag the ground.
- Pants must not have holes, rips or tears, and must have a finished hem with no frayed edges.

Shorts:

- Proper fitting.
- Uniform basic, walking-shorts or uniform cargo shorts.
- Material may not be denim, jersey, flannel or similar.
- Shorts may sit no more than 1" below the knee and may not be higher than 3" above the top of the knee cap.
- No low riders.
- Shorts must not have holes, rips or tears, and must have a finished hem with no frayed edges.
- Shorts may be worn when appropriate for the weather.

Shirts:

- Solid colored short/long sleeved collared dress shirts, polo/golf shirts or turtlenecks.
- The only acceptable logo allowed on a shirt is an official Holy Cross logo. (small manufacturer logos, i.e. less than 1" x 1" near the pocket area are acceptable, no other logos, writing, team names, or brand names)
- Only the top button of shirts may be unbuttoned.
- All shirts must be tucked in.
- A plain white t-shirt may be worn under uniform shirts.
- Plain, long-sleeved shirts within the color code may be worn under collared shirts.

BOYS (continued)

Sweatshirts/Sweaters:

- Proper fitting.
- Solid colored crew neck or V-neck cardigans, long-sleeved half or full-zippered, hooded/unhooded sweatshirts or sweater vests.
- Only the Holy Cross logo may be worn (small manufacturer logos i.e. less than 1" x 1" near the pocket area are acceptable, no other logos, writing, team names, or brand names)
- Collared uniform shirt or turtleneck must be worn under sweatshirts and sweaters.

Socks:

- Socks are required (except with sandals) and must be a matched pair.
- Socks will follow dress code colors and will include white athletic socks.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be fastened at all times.
- Athletic shoes, dress shoes or sandals with soles.
- Snow boots and rain boots are worn only on snowy/rainy days and children will need appropriate shoes to wear once inside the building.
- The following footwear is not allowed: flip flops, crocs or sandals without backs.

Jewelry/Accessories:

- Earrings are not permitted.
- Jewelry must not be a distraction.
- Religious items are permitted.
- No visible facial piercing or tattoos allowed. No writing or drawing of any kind on hands or arms.
- Belts must be a solid color with no ornamentation.
- Hoods, bandanas, hats or caps are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Outerwear is not to be worn in the classroom.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.

Hairstyle:

- All students are to have their hair neat and clean at all times. Boys must maintain hair length above the collar and out of the eyes.
- No fad hair color.
- Students must be clean-shaven.

GIRLS

Colors:

Pants, Shorts, Capris, Skirts, Skorts and Jumpers: Navy, Black or Khaki
Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts and Sweaters: Solid colors only

Black slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers are to be worn with a contrasting shirt color.

Pants/Capris:

- Proper fitting.
- Uniform basic, corduroy or uniform cargo pants or uniform style capris.
- Material may not be denim, jersey, spandex, flannel or similar.
- Sweats and side stripes are not allowed.
- Pants should not be low rider or hip huggers and are not to drag the ground.
- Pants must not have holes, rips or tears, and must have a finished hem with no frayed edges.

Shorts:

- Proper fitting.
- Uniform basic, walking shorts or uniform cargo shorts.
- Material may not be denim, jersey, spandex, flannel or similar.
- Shorts may sit no more than 1" below the knee and may not be higher than 3" above the top of the knee cap.
- No low riders or hip huggers.
- Shorts must not have holes, rips or tears, and must have a finished hem with no frayed edges.
- Shorts may be worn when appropriate for the weather.

Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers:

- Proper fitting.
- Uniform basic, skirts, skorts or jumpers.
- Material may not be denim, jersey, spandex, flannel or similar.
- Length may vary between the knee and mid-calf.
- Skirts may not be higher than 3" above the knee.
- Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers must not have holes, rips or tears and must have a finished hem with no frayed edges.

Shirts/Blouses:

- Solid colored short/long sleeved collared dress shirts/blouses, polo/golf shirts or turtlenecks.
- The only acceptable logo allowed on a shirt is the official Holy Cross logo (small manufacturer logos, i.e. less than 1" x 1" near the pocket area are acceptable, no other logos, writing, team names, or brand names)
- Only the top button of shirts and blouses may be unbuttoned.
- All shirts must be tucked in.
- Midriff should not be exposed when lifting arms.
- A plain white t-shirt may be worn under uniform shirts.
- Plain, long-sleeved shirts within the color code may be worn under collared shirts.
- Appropriate undergarments for maturing girls to be worn; this should not be visible in color or markings under clothing.
- No exposed cleavage.

GIRLS (continued)

Sweatshirts/Sweaters:

- Proper fitting.
- Solid colored crew neck or V-neck cardigans, long-sleeved half or full-zippered, hooded/unhooded sweatshirts or sweater vests.
- Only the Holy Cross logo may be worn (small manufacturer logos, i.e. less than 1" x 1" near the pocket area are acceptable, no other logos, writing, team names, or brand names)
- Collared uniform shirt or turtleneck must be worn under sweatshirts and sweaters.

Socks:

- Socks are required (except with sandals) and must be a matched pair.
- Socks, tights, and hosiery will follow dress code colors and will include white athletic socks.
- No fishnet, striped or patterned tights are allowed.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be fastened at all times.
- Athletic shoes, sandals or dress shoes with soles and heels no more than 2".
- Snow boots and rain boots are worn only on snowy/rainy days and children will need appropriate shoes to wear once inside the building.
- The following footwear is not allowed: flip flops, crocs or sandals without backs.

Jewelry/Accessories:

- Only small stud or small hoop earrings no larger than one inch in diameter are acceptable, no more than two piercings per ear.
- Jewelry must not be a distraction.
- Religious items are permitted.
- No visible facial piercing or tattoos allowed. No writing or drawing on hands or arms.
- Belts must be a solid color with no ornamentation.
- Hoods, bandanas, hats or caps are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Outerwear is not to be worn in the classroom.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.

Hairstyle:

- All students are to have their hair neat and clean at all times.
- No fad hair color.

Make-up:

- Make-up should be conservative and kept to a minimum.
- No dark nail polishes (such as black, blue or deep purple) will be allowed.

ALL STUDENTS

HOLY CROSS SPIRIT DAYS

(to be announced by Holy Cross administration)

- Sleeved Holy Cross spirit wear, including school t-shirts (collar not required)
- Sleeved Holy Cross uniform shirts (e.g. baseball, soccer)
- Jeans

SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

Appropriate dress that represents Holy Cross Lutheran School in a respectable and dignified manner should be worn to school sporting events and school functions at and away from school grounds.

EXCEPTIONS

There are occasions when exceptions to the Dress Code Philosophy will be made including spirit days, field trips, special programs, etc. These exceptions will be approved and communicated by the Holy Cross administration.

When classes, teams, or groups travel as representatives of Holy Cross, the Holy Cross administration will be responsible for maintaining a standard of dress appropriate for the occasion.

Holy Cross Lutheran School Dress Code for Early Childhood Programs

Clothes and shoes that are comfortable and allow for movement (crawling, climbing, etc.) are the best for school. We recommend play clothes that are easily washed to remove messy art materials, dirt or spoilage from play activities. Students are expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. We want children in the Early Childhood Programs to be comfortable, neat, clean and safe so that they can concentrate on their school work.

The following clothing is not allowed:

- Clothes which advertise tobacco, drugs, or alcohol
- Apparel with obscene or questionable printing or pictures
- Short shorts (please have shorts be at least mid-thigh in length)
- Halter tops, bare backs, swimsuits, tank tops with spaghetti straps
- Bare midriffs
- Bandanas, hats or caps

Proper footwear is also important so that children may fully participate in recess and other outdoor activities. Tennis shoes are the preferred footwear for all students.

The following footwear is not allowed:

- Flip flops
- Crocs
- Sandals without backs
- Snow boots and rain boots are worn only on snowy/rainy days and children will need appropriate shoes to wear once inside the building.

In the winter, it is advisable to dress young children in layers so that they can take off a sweatshirt or sweater if they get too hot, or put one on if they are too cold. Students will go outside every day when the temperature is above freezing. Please be sure that your student has appropriate outdoor wear including a coat, hat and mittens/gloves.

It is suggested that all clothing should be marked with a fabric pen and/or labeled such as boots, hats, coats, sweaters, etc.

All children in the Early Childhood Programs should have a change of clothing in their backpack to be used in the case of accidents, spills, etc.