

2023–2024 Holy Spirit School Uniform Policy

In keeping with a long tradition within Catholic education, Holy Spirit students are expected to wear uniforms on all days when school is in session. Exceptions (out-of-uniform days) will be announced in the weekly newsletter. Uniforms lend dignity and discipline to the process of education and identify Holy Spirit as a school community.

Official clothing is available from Donald's Department Store (located at 972 Payne Avenue in St. Paul) or at [landsend.com](https://www.landsend.com).

General Uniform Expectations

- At all times, students are expected to be neat, clean and well groomed, with uniforms in good repair
- Students are expected to be in complete uniform daily
- Skirts and shorts are to be at an appropriate length (no more than 3 inches above the knee).
- Students are to wear solid white or navy blue t-shirts under uniform shirts.
- When a sweater, fleece, or sweatshirt is worn, a regular uniform shirt must be worn underneath.
- In case of an emergency, when a student must unavoidably be out of uniform, the school expects that the student will dress appropriately with a note sent to their teacher explaining the circumstances.
- Walking shorts are allowed from the beginning of school through fall break (mid-October) and from May 1st until the end of the school year.

Girls Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

- Blue plaid low-waisted jumper or navy pants/walking shorts (corduroy or twill)
- Black or brown belt with pants (optional)
- Light blue cotton blouse or knit polo shirt with Holy Spirit logo, tucked in at all times
- Plain navy blue, white, or Holy Spirit anklets, knee-highs, tights, or navy leggings underneath jumpers only
- Plain navy blue sweater/vest, Holy Spirit navy blue sweatshirt, or navy blue fleece apparel with the official Holy Spirit logo
- Athletic shoes that cover the entire foot

Girls in Fifth through Eighth Grade

- Blue plaid A-line skirt or pleated skirt (no more than 3 inches above the knee); navy pants/walking shorts (corduroy or twill)
**Fifth grade girls have the option of a jumper or skirt
- Black or brown belt with pants (optional)
- Light blue oxford shirt with Holy Spirit logo or light blue banded bottom shirt with Holy Spirit logo, tucked in at all times
- Plain navy blue, white, or Holy Spirit anklets, knee-highs, tights, or navy leggings underneath jumper/skirt only
- Plain navy blue sweater/vest, Holy Spirit navy blue sweatshirt, or navy blue fleece apparel with the Holy Spirit logo
- Athletic shoes that cover the entire foot

Boys in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

- Plain navy pants or walking shorts (corduroy or twill)
- Black or brown belt with pants (optional)
- Royal blue knit shirt with Holy Spirit logo, tucked in at all times
- Plain navy blue or white socks
- Plain navy blue sweater/vest, Holy Spirit navy blue sweatshirt, or navy blue fleece apparel with the Holy Spirit logo.
- Athletic shoes that cover the entire foot

Boys in Sixth through Eighth Grade

- Follow the same policy as boys in kindergarten through fifth grade, except a light blue, long or short-sleeved oxford button down shirt or light blue banded bottom shirt (all with Holy Spirit logo), tucked in at all times

Consequences

When students wear inappropriate uniform items, classroom teachers will inform parents identifying the concern. Parents are expected to remedy the situation within the week. Middle school students may also receive a Stop and Think ticket for uniform violations.

General Appearance

In order to maintain an effective learning environment, we ask that students do not alter their appearance in a manner that draws undue attention to them and/or is distracting to the learning process. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Hair: We ask that students' hair be neatly combed and styled and of an appropriate length. Eyes must be visible at all times. Hair color is limited to colors that are naturally grown. Extreme hairstyles will not be permitted.
- Beards/Mustaches: Young men with facial hair are to come to school and school events clean shaven.
- Body Piercings: Students cannot have body parts other than ears pierced.

Out-of-Uniform Pass Days

On these days, appropriate and modest apparel is to be worn.

- Athletic wear is acceptable
- Footwear must cover the entire foot
- Leggings are only allowed under a skirt, dress, or long shirt
- Accessories including hats are not allowed unless specified by administration
- All pants/shorts must be worn at the waist without holes or tears and be no more than 3 inches above the knee
- Sweatshirts or t-shirts must have school appropriate messages
- No spaghetti straps or cropped tops

Wednesday Out-of-Uniform Days

From October through June, students who achieve their goal for the Marathon for Non-Public Education are allowed to wear their Marathon shirt and denim jeans/khaki pants on Wednesdays. Other Holy Spirit spirit wear is also acceptable to wear. Athletic shoes are to be worn on Wednesday out-of-uniform days.