



STUDENT HANDBOOK UNIFORM POLICY- LAST UPDATED 2024

APPEARANCE & UNIFORM POLICY: ALL STUDENTS

Shirts/Blouses: Blouses and/or knit shirts are to be worn and must be tucked in at all times.

Sweaters: Authorized navy uniform sweaters with uniform shirt/blouse worn underneath. Sweaters cannot have a hood.

Sweatshirts: Red or navy Saint Ambrose School monogrammed sweatshirts may be worn with the uniform shirt/blouse worn underneath. Hoodies are not permitted to be worn in the classroom at any time. Students may wear hoodies during cold months as jackets; however, they must be removed in school and in church.

Fleece Jackets: Approved Spirit Wear navy monogrammed zip-up fleece jacket is also an option for K-5th grade students. Approved Spirit Wear black monogrammed zip-up fleece jacket is an option for 6-8th grade students.

Skirts/Jumpers/Shorts: Schoolbelles approved plaid jumper, skirt, as well as shorts must be knee length. Some type of playground shorts must be worn under the jumper or skirt.

Belts: A plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with all slacks and shorts for all students in Grade 2-8.

Outerwear: All students will wear outerwear appropriate for the weather.

Hats and Caps: Hats, caps or other head dressings may not be worn in school without prior consent from the Principal.

Hair: Unusual hairstyles, bleaching, dyeing of hair or heavy use of styling products are not permitted. Fad or extreme styles are not permitted. Hair must be conservative, neat and out of students' eyes. Boys' hair length must be shorter than the collar and shaped around the ears. Boys will be clean-shaven without sideburns. Estimated length of hair should not exceed two inches. Girls' hair accessories must be simple, tasteful, and complement the school uniform. Hair is to be the natural hairline color.

It is expected that both the student and parent(s) will carefully monitor the student's hair in order to remain within the confines of the dress code. Neither teachers nor administrators should have to repeatedly remind a student to keep his or her hair cut properly; therefore, regular haircuts are encouraged so that the student will conform to the dress code at all times.

The school administration will judge the appropriateness of any fad or questionable article of apparel, jewelry or hairstyle.

Make-up: With the exception of Eighth Grade girls, students are not permitted to wear make-up of any kind. This includes nail polish, artificial nails, body glitter, body piercing, and tattoos (real or fake). Eighth Grade girls may wear light make-up as described in the Girls 4 – 8 section.

GIRLS (GRADES K-3)

Shirts: White blouse (either peter pan or oxford style); red knit shirt; red turtleneck may be worn from November 1 – March 31. Shirts must be tucked in. No layering.

Jumpers: Navy/red plaid v-neck or shift style jumper from Schoolbelles.

Slacks: Navy dress slacks. No corduroys.

Shorts: Navy walking shorts. Must have belt loops. Knee length. (April 1-Oct. 31)

Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts in Grades 2-3.

Shoes: Solid brown, black, navy or gray dress shoes, such as: oxford tie, loafers, buckle or tan “boat” shoes. Girls may wear black and white saddle shoes. Height of the shoe should be no more than 1-1/2 inches high. Top of the shoe is to be below the ankle bone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color red, black, navy or white dress socks or tights. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or “no show” socks.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts: Red or navy SAS monogrammed sweatshirts or a navy uniform sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved Spirit Wear navy monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option.

Jewelry & Make-up: Girls may wear one watch without games and/or alarms. They may also wear one religious necklace that is tucked in at all times and one pair of stud-style earrings. All other types of jewelry are not permitted. Make-up is not permitted.

BOYS (K-3)

Shirts: Red knit shirt or dri-fit shirt; (red turtleneck may be worn November 1 – March 31). Shirts must be tucked in. No layering. Boys may wear plain white short-sleeved undershirts under their uniform knit shirt.

Slacks: Navy dress slacks. No corduroys.

Shorts: Navy walking shorts. Must have belt loops. Knee length. (April 1-Oct. 31)

Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts in Grades 2-3.

Shoes: Solid brown, black, navy or gray dress shoes, such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle, or tan “boat” shoes. Top of the shoe is to be below the ankle bone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color red, black, navy or white dress socks. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or “no show” socks.

GRADES 4-8 UNIFORM: YOUNG LADIES

Shirts: Navy knit, dri-fit or navy SAS monogrammed shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. No layering.

Note: Eighth Grade Special Uniform Policy: Young ladies in Grade 8 have the option of wearing any of the following solid color polos – white, navy, red.

Skirts/Skortts: Plaid skirt of any style (purchased from Schoolbelles only). Skirts must be worn at the knee and may not be rolled.

Slacks: Khaki dress slacks are to be worn.

Shorts: Khaki walking shorts. Must have belt loops. Knee length. (April 1-Oct. 31)

Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts.

Shoes: Solid brown, black, navy or gray dress shoes, such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle or tan “boat” shoes. Height of the shoe should be no more than 1-1/2 inches high. Top of the shoe is to be below the ankle bone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color navy, black, or white dress socks. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or “no-show” socks.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts: Navy or red SAS monogrammed sweatshirt or a navy sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved spirit wear black monogrammed zip-up fleece jacket is also an option.

Jewelry: Girls may wear one watch without games and/or alarms. They may also wear one religious necklace that is tucked in at all times and one pair of stud-style earrings. All other types of jewelry are not permitted.

Note: 8th grade ladies have the privilege of wearing light make-up. This includes only foundation, cover-up, mascara and clear lip gloss. Young ladies are not permitted to wear eye shadow, eye liner, lipstick, colored gloss, or blush. Violators of this privilege will immediately wash off the make-up and permanently lose this privilege.

GRADES 4-8 UNIFORM: YOUNG GENTLEMEN

Shirts: Navy knit or dri-fit navy SAS monogrammed shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. Boys may wear plain white short-sleeved undershirts under their uniform knit shirt. No emblems other than SAS-approved.

Note: Eighth Grade Special Uniform Policy: Gentlemen in Eighth Grade have the option of wearing any of the following solid color polos – white, navy, red. They may wear a white dress shirt and tie with uniform slacks.

Slacks: Khaki front pleated, plain front or relaxed fit twill dress slacks.

Shorts: Khaki walking shorts. Must have belt loops. Knee length. (April 1-Oct. 31)

Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts.

Shoes: Solid brown, black, navy or gray dress shoes, such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle or tan “boat” shoes. Top of the shoe is to be below the ankle bone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color navy, black, or white dress socks. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or “no-show” socks.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts: Navy or red SAS monogrammed sweatshirt or a navy sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved Spirit Wear black monogrammed zip-up fleece jacket is also an option.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

ALL STUDENTS

See Key Profits for gym uniform options from 2022-2023 school year.

Shirts: Saint Ambrose School PE Uniform shirts only

Shorts: Saint Ambrose School PE Uniform shorts only

Pants: Saint Ambrose School PE Uniform pants only.

Shoes: Athletic

Notes: CYO issued uniforms are not permitted to be worn. Students will not be given credit for class if out of gym uniform.

*Girls' shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

On gym days, all students are to wear their full gym uniform to school for the entire school day. From November 1 until March 31, students must wear the required slacks and may wear a uniform sweatshirt as needed.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

The Principal reserves the right to declare an “out-of-uniform” day for all or part of the school and to determine what may or may not be worn on such day. Notification (either oral or written) will be given at least one day in advance.

On out-of-uniform days and at school functions, students’ attire will reflect the general guidelines and spirit of the Saint Ambrose School dress code such that common sense, modesty and decency will be followed. If a student is dressed in a manner not consistent with the guidelines of the out-of-uniform day, disciplinary consequences may include those listed in the uniform policy violations below PLUS the student may lose the privilege of participating in all out-of-uniform days for the remainder of the school year as determined by the principal.

On the days of Scout meetings, students may wear their Scout uniforms to school. On the day of Saint Ambrose School CYO sports games (or on the Friday before a weekend game), Saint Ambrose School athletes may wear their Saint Ambrose School game uniform shirt over their regular uniform.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

Dress-down attire is defined as the following: T-shirts, jeans, athletic slacks, Bermuda (knee-length) shorts, or capris when in season, socks and tennis shoes. Socks on dress down days may be low-cut athletic socks that are free of logos. Jeans should not be torn or have holes of any kind.

Examples of inappropriate dress are: clothes that are too short, too tight or too baggy. Torn jeans or jeans with numerous holes/tears. Backless tops, tank tops, halter tops, tops that do not cover midriff or any clothing displaying inappropriate words or pictures. Yoga pants or leggings are not permitted (see note below). Tennis/gym shoes may be worn. Boots are permitted.

On dress down days, students may wear one wristband with a positive or religious message. No other types of bands/bracelets are permitted. Violations will be addressed according to the Uniform and Appearance Policy.

DRESS-UP DAYS

Girls may wear dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dress shoes, dress slacks. Make-up and jewelry guidelines apply. NO DRESS JEANS PERMITTED. Boots are permitted.

****Note:** Leggings or tights are permitted only with uniform length skirts or dresses

Boys may wear slacks, collared shirts, ties, sweaters, dress shoes, socks appropriate for school. No shorts or jeans are permitted. Jewelry guidelines apply.

APPEARANCE AND UNIFORM POLICY VIOLATIONS

It is the responsibility of each student, as well as his/her parents, to cooperate and conform to the spirit and letter of the Saint Ambrose School Dress Code. If a student is dressed in a manner not consistent with the Saint Ambrose School Dress Code, disciplinary consequences for dress code violations will be a violation slip. After three, the student will receive an automatic detention.

If for some emergency reason a student is out of uniform, the parent should write and send a note to school before (not after) disciplinary consequences for dress code violations are enacted. Only one day’s grace will be given. After one day, disciplinary measures will be taken.

The administration makes the final decision as to what is appropriate or inappropriate, as well as disciplinary action to be taken. The administration reserves the right to rule on all questions relating to the areas of dress and grooming not covered by the code until such time as this code may be amended or revised.