

St. Benedict Dress Code

Uniform Philosophy/Dress Code

Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are expected to follow the dress code (Preschool students are not required to wear uniforms). Parents/guardians are encouraged to help enforce this dress code. School uniforms can be purchased through our preferred vendor, Schoolbelles, which is located on Monroe St. in the Hobby Lobby Plaza.

The St. Benedict Catholic School uniform is meant to serve several purposes:

- 1) to help our students focus on their education and not their clothes,
- 2) to ensure a look of unity, minimizing differences and making comparisons,
- 3) to promote school pride, build self-confidence and Christian identity.

Students who are in continued violation of the dress code will be issued a minor citation by their homeroom teacher.

The Principal will determine necessary dress for out of school functions or special occasions.

The Principal has the authority to make immediate decisions as to what *is* and *is not* acceptable in the way of dress and grooming.

GIRLS UNIFORM:

Plaid jumpers and skirts are preferred. Girls may also wear uniform dress pants, such as those available at Schoolbelles and uniform departments in retail stores.

JUMPER	red/black plaid jumper - K-5 - appropriate length = no more than 3" above the knee when kneeling.
SKIRT	red/black plaid skirt/khaki skirt(Schoolbelles only) - 6-8 - appropriate length = no more than 3 in. above the knee when kneeling.
BLOUSE	Plain WHITE, RED or BLACK oxford cloth, cotton blend. Button down collar, peter pan collar, knit. Turtleneck shirts may be worn during the winter months. No colored writing on shirts. Shirts will be tucked in. Girls in Grades 6-8 may wear banded bottom shirts which do not need to be tucked in.
SWEATERS	Red, black, grey, white, or navy sweaters or sweater vests may be worn. Sweaters may be purchased at any store. Students may wear the official fleece with the St. Benedict "B" embroidered and the official sweatshirt embroidered with the St. Benedict "B". These may be purchased from Schoolbelles.
SLACKS	These pants must fit properly around the waist and be of

appropriate length. Pants are available from the uniform company or can be purchased elsewhere if they are identical in length and color. **Grade K-8 may wear navy blue or black pants. Grades 6-7-8 have the option of khaki pants.**

SOCKS

Solid red, black or white knee socks, anklets, tights and solid-colored leggings (black, navy, grey, white or red) (under skirts/jumpers) are permitted. Socks must be worn with shoes at all times.

SHOES

Shoes may be dress shoes or athletic shoes. Shoes must be tied. **NO DRESS BOOTS OR CROCS.**

JEWELRY

Small pierced earrings and watches are permitted. No jewelry containing spikes is permitted. While there is not a number limit on pieces of jewelry, if jewelry becomes distracting to the learning of the student or those around them, teachers may ask students to remove the jewelry.

MAKE UP

Girls in grades PK-5 may not wear makeup. Girls in grades 6-8 may wear mascara only.

NOT PERMITTED

Acrylic or other artificial nails. Girls are not permitted to carry purses throughout the school building. Purses that are brought to school may be kept in the coat closets along with back packs and book bags. Hair should not be so long over the forehead to obscure vision. Hair color should be natural colors. Hair dyed pink, green, blue, etc. is not permitted. Shoes whose height or style makes walking the school or going up and down stairs hazardous are not permitted. Heels more than 2 inches high are not permitted. Students may not have words or pictures drawn on their bodies.

BOYS UNIFORMS

PANTS

Grades K-5 must wear Navy blue or black pants pants that fit appropriately around the waist (AT the waist) and are appropriate length.

Grades 6-7-8 may wear Khaki pants (or Navy blue or black) that adhere to the above requirements.

SHIRTS

Plain white, red or black 2 or 3 button polo style knit shirts (long or short sleeve). Turtleneck shirts may be worn in the winter months. No colored writing on shirts. Shirts will be tucked in at all times. Boys may wear the banded bottom shirts also.

SWEATERS

Red, white, black, navy or grey sweaters or vests may be worn.

Turtlenecks may be worn with sweaters. Students may wear the official fleece with the St. Benedict “B” embroidered and the official sweatshirt embroidered with the St. Benedict “B”. These may be purchased from Schoolbelles.

SOCKS

Solid red, black or white dress, crew or athletic socks are permitted. Socks must be worn with shoes at all times.

SHOES

Dress shoes or athletic shoes may be worn. No boots may be worn. Shoes must be tied.

HAIR

Hair must be neatly combed, moderate length and well groomed. Hair should not be so long over the forehead as to obscure vision. If hair is long it must be pulled back and out of the face.

JEWELRY

Boys may wear a wristwatch. Students may wear one small stud-style earring in each ear. Earrings must be modest and not distracting in appearance. Clear stud retainers are permitted. Hoop earrings, dangling earrings, gauges, spacers, or oversized styles are not permitted. The administration reserves the right to determine appropriateness for the school environment. No jewelry containing spikes is permitted. While there is not a limit on pieces of jewelry, if jewelry becomes distracting to the learning of the student or those around them, teachers may ask students to remove the jewelry.

NOT PERMITTED

Crocs, sandals, and temporary tattoos. Students may not have words or pictures drawn on their bodies.

Summer Uniform Options

Students may wear the summer uniform option until September 30th in the Fall and beginning on May 1st in the spring. Students in Grades K-5 will have the option of wearing BLUE or BLACK uniform shorts. Grades 6-8 may choose the option of khaki walking shorts. WHITE, RED or BLACK uniform shirts, blouses are worn with the shorts. These shorts are available from the uniform company—Schoolbelles or can be purchased locally as long as they are the same style, color and length of the uniform shorts. Girls may also wear navy or black skorts purchased in the uniform department at any store.

Non-Uniform Days (Spirit Days)

There are days periodically throughout the year that students are permitted to be out of uniform for a variety of reasons. Students may always choose to wear traditional school uniform. In an effort to eliminate distractions to the learning environment, students who forget to dress down will not

be permitted to call home after the fact. Proper attire for Spirit Day opportunities include:

- Clean, hemmed jeans or other pants (ex. Athletic pants, sweatpants) in good repair with no holes and appropriate fit
- Sweatpants with the St. Benedict logo on it may be worn.
- Leggings may be worn only with a long shirt or dress.
- Any school color (red, black, blue, yellow) solid or print shirt - The shirt must have sleeves, full coverage of chest, back, and midriff and no writing.
- St. Benedict shirts and/or sweatshirts
- Gym shoes or school shoes with appropriate school socks
- Boots may be worn on non-uniform days- CROCS may not be worn