

Fr. Marquette Catholic School Dress Code:

The school dress code is based on the principle that student dress is the responsibility of each student's parents. We ask parents to guide their student to dress in a way that will manifest a sense of dignity and modesty for our school environment.

All apparel must be neat, modest, tasteful, and in good repair. It should never be provocative, distracting, or counter to the goals of the educational process. It should always reflect the true dignity that comes from being a child of God, a member of Christ and his Church, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Specific Guidelines:

- Tops and bottoms should overlap enough ensure that skin and underwear do not show, even when sitting.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses should extend to the knee. Dresses and skirts that extend to mid-thigh may be worn with leggings or opaque tights. A good guideline for mid-thigh is checking to see that when the arms are straight down at the side, the bottom of the skirt or dress is below the longest finger.
- Knee length or longer leggings, "jeggings", and form-fitting yoga pants may be worn with a loose-fitting top that extends to mid-thigh. Remember, a good guideline for mid-thigh is checking to see that when the arms are straight down at the side, the bottom of the top is below the longest finger.
- Pajama pants should not be worn.
- Tops should be high enough at the neck to ensure that no underwear or cleavage is showing, even when bending over.
- Sleeveless shirts can be worn; however, tank tops, tops with spaghetti straps, and muscle shirts should not be worn unless straps are covered by another shirt.
- Apparel may only portray groups, symbols and sayings that are not in opposition to Catholic values. When in doubt, ask before wearing it.
- Ripped clothing should not be worn.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Hats may not be worn inside the building.

The faculty and the principal will administer the policy, and questions on the above guidelines will be left to the discretion of the lead teacher and the principal.

Parents will be called to bring appropriate attire for students who are not dressed within these guidelines.

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The Mass is a meeting of heaven and earth, St. John Chrysostom said, “When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim . . .” We should approach Mass with awe and with reverence in the way we dress; that is why we don’t dress in our everyday clothes on Mass day. The guidelines on the previous page also apply to Mass clothes.

Elementary Building Dress Code for Mass:

- Mass attire for girls includes dresses, skirts, dress pants, dressy sweaters and blouses. Skirts and dresses must extend to the knee. Dresses and skirts that extend to mid-thigh may be worn with leggings or opaque tights.
- Mass Attire for boys includes dress pants, khakis, polo shirts, and button down shirts.
- Students may not wear t-shirts, shorts, skorts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, cargo pants, and jean-style pants.
- Students may not wear beach flip-flops, and shoes must be clean and in good repair.

Middle School Building Dress Code for Mass:

- Mass attire for girls includes dresses, skirts, dress slacks, dressy sweaters and blouses. Skirts and dresses must extend to the top of the kneecap when standing straight. Dresses and skirts that extend to mid-thigh may be worn with leggings or opaque tights.
- Boys are to wear dress slacks (with a belt), a button down dress shirt, and a tie.
- Students may not wear t-shirts, shorts, skorts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, cargo pants, denim pants, and jean-style pants.
- Students may not wear beach flip-flops, and shoes must be clean and in good repair.

The faculty and the principal will administer the policy, and questions on the above guidelines will be left to the discretion of the lead teacher and the principal.

Students who are not dressed in Mass clothes that fit within the above guidelines will be given alternate clothing from the office to wear during Mass.

Please keep one copy and return the other (signed) to your child’s homeroom teacher.

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____