

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Aquinas Middle School

2022-2023 Dress Code

All students are governed by administrative interpretation of the dress code. Final decisions regarding the appropriateness of student dress is reserved for the Aquinas Middle School administration. Anything that draws attention to itself is not acceptable. The Aquinas Middle School dress code is as follows:

General Guidelines:

1. All items worn to school must be clean.
2. Worn, faded, frayed, baggy, or clothing with holes may not be worn.
3. Hairstyles must be cleanly cut and of reasonable style and a reasonable natural color.
4. Hair may not be covering face and/or eyes.
5. Hair must be above the collar line for boys.
6. Hats and sweatbands are not allowed.
7. Clothing, jewelry, and/or grooming must not be distracting, potentially dangerous, and/or disruptive to the learning environment.
8. Students are allowed no more than two earrings per ear (*no clips*).
9. No unreasonable body jewelry, including but not limited to tongue, nose, lips, eyebrows, etc.
10. No chains of any kind will be permitted on student clothing.
11. No outside coats or jackets may be worn during the school day. No outside clothing, such as but not limited to tech vests, hooded sweatshirts, and outdoor fleece tops may be worn in the classroom or hallways.
12. All males must be clean-shaven.
13. No leather clothing of any kind may be worn.
14. No visible tattoos, real or artificial.
15. Backpacks are not allowed in the classroom.
16. No shorts or capri pants may be worn on Mass days.

A. Shirts (any *solid colored polo shirt is acceptable):

1. A polo shirt is defined as cotton, poly-cotton, or knit with 2-5 buttons and a collar.
2. Polo shirts must be buttoned up to the second button from the collar.
3. Polo shirts are not to be form fitting.
4. Polo shirts must be long enough and are required to be tucked in.
5. Shirts may only be long or short sleeved (*no cap sleeves or ¾ length sleeves*).
6. Only *solid colored T-shirts may be worn under polo shirts. No long sleeve T-shirt may be worn under a short sleeve polo shirt.
7. Any *solid colored turtleneck shirt may be worn under a blazer, sweater, shirt, or sweatshirt. Turtleneck shirts may not be worn alone.
8. Shirts may have a logo no larger than the size of a quarter if it does not draw attention to the shirt.

B. Pants (*solid colored navy blue, khaki, gray, or black):

1. Pants must be cotton, poly-cotton, or corduroy.
2. Pant hems may not touch the floor.
3. No baggy, no holes, or obvious bell-bottom styles.
4. No denim (*of any color*), sweats, wind pants, capri pants (*except as outlined in D. below*), bib overalls, or cargo pants (flat pocket cargo pants are acceptable).
5. Pants must be worn at the natural waist.

C. Skirts (**solid colored navy blue, khaki, gray, or black*):

1. The length and/or slits of the skirts must be no more than 3” from the top of the kneecap.
2. No denim skirts or skorts.

D. Shorts or Capri Pants (**solid colored navy blue, khaki, gray, or black*):

1. May be worn in first and fourth quarter only.
2. Capri pants and tailored walking shorts at the knee or no more than 3” from the top of the kneecap are permitted.
3. No athletic shorts, or bib overalls. Flat pocket cargo shorts or capri pants are acceptable.

E. Sweatshirts (*ACS or Aquinas logo sweatshirts or solid colored crew neck or hooded sweatshirts*):

1. *Solid colored and collared polo shirts or turtlenecks must be worn under all sweatshirts, or short or long-sleeved shirts.

F. Sweater or Blazer (*any *solid colored sweater or blazer is acceptable*):

1. *Solid colored and collared polo shirts or turtlenecks must be worn under all sweaters, or blazers.
2. Sweaters must be cardigan, v-neck, crewneck, or vest. Sweaters are to be at the natural waist or longer. A shirt worn over a polo shirt is not considered a sweater.
3. Sweaters may not have open shoulders or an open back.

G. Dresses/Jumpers (**solid colored navy blue, khaki tan, khaki green, gray or black*):

1. Dresses/jumpers must be no more than 3” from the top of the kneecap.
2. No scoop collars.
3. No sleeveless dresses.
4. They must have a complete back.
5. No denim.

H. Footwear (*dress, casual, and tennis shoes*):

1. No cowboy boots, flip flops, clogs, or backless sandals.
2. All shoes must have a back or backstrap.
3. No heels beyond 2”.
4. Shoes with laces must be tied at all times.

I. Socks (*must be worn and visible at all times*):

1. Nylons or solid colored tights in white, navy blue, red, khaki tan, or black may be worn.
2. Socks must cover the entire foot (toe & heel).

** Solid color is defined as all one color, including collars and trim, with no logos of any type.*

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