

**2026-2027 St. Hilary School Dress Code
Effective August 2026**

Personal appearance is as vital to a child's educational outlook as any other policy we have listed. Grooming and dress reflect attitudes which have a direct relationship to learning. Attention should be given to every detail of a child's appearance. All clothing (uniform and dress down/up) should be neat, clean, modest and appropriately sized. All clothing (uniform and dress down/up) should be free from holes, tears, and excessive fading. This applies to all students in grades K-8.

All of these guidelines are to be adhered to and will be enforced. Students who, after warning, continue to violate the dress code will receive a detention. Parents will be called to bring suitable clothes when necessary. The administration reserves the right to address any dress code situation not specifically listed here.

Our supplier for new uniform items is Made2Wear (www.made2wearohio.com). All girls in grades 1-8 will be required to wear the correct St. Hilary plaid jumpers, skorts, skirts, or shorts from Made2Wear. Girls in grades 1-5 may wear jumpers and skorts; girls in grades 6-8 may wear skirts.

Kindergarteners are permitted to wear play clothes and any closed toe and closed back style shoes. Kindergarteners are not permitted to wear heelies, clogs, sandals, crocs, mules, slippers, or moccasins, and all heels must be less than ½". During quarters 1 and 4, kindergarteners may wear shorts. Kindergarteners are to adhere to the general dress code listed below.

GENERAL GUIDELINES – GRADES K - 8

No hats, caps, bandanas, or other headwear is permitted inside the school building unless worn on a designated spirit "hat" day. Navy, white, black, red, or St. Hilary plaid headbands (2" or less in width), bows or ribbons are permitted. The listed colors are the only colors permitted. Headbands may not have logos or ears.

PHOTOS ARE EXAMPLES AND NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT EVERY POTENTIAL HEADBAND STYLE

PERMITTED: Headbands in colors listed above that are 2" or less in width



NOT PERMITTED: Headbands with ears; headbands with logos



Hairstyles should be clean, neat, and conventional in style and remain the student's natural color. Highlighting must be subtle and a natural shade of the student's hair color. Hair beading that is not excessive or distracting is permitted for girls. Fad or trend haircuts, shaved lines, tails, mullets, or bi-level cuts are not permitted. Young men's hair should be above the eyebrow, off the collar and at or above the opening of the ear; hair should be tapered with no excessive fullness. The difference between the length of the sides and back versus the top must be less than 2". Facial hair is not permitted for young men. Hair styles and length are subject to the administration's approval.

PHOTOS ARE EXAMPLES AND NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT EVERY POTENTIAL HAIR STYLE

NOT PERMITTED: Trend haircuts, shaved lines, tails, mullets, or bi-level cuts; facial hair



Body piercing is not permitted except for a single ear piercing for girls. One pair of stud or hoop (no larger than a dime) earrings for girls is permitted. No dangling earrings or hoop earrings larger than a dime are permitted.

Boys and girls are permitted to wear one bracelet.

One simple religious necklace is permitted for both girls and boys. Scapulars are permitted to be worn under a student's shirt.

Tattoos are not acceptable, either permanent or temporary.

Nail polish that is clear – no color only – is permitted. All other nail treatments, including gel, shellac, French manicures, nail art, or artificial nails, are not permitted.

Analog or digital watches are permitted (without a calculator function). Smart watches are not permitted (including Apple watches, Fitbits, and similar brands).

Only school approved items listed within this dress code are permitted to be worn inside the classrooms. All other outerwear may only be worn during recess or for outside activities.

SHOES – GRADES 1 – 8

Shoes must be primarily brown, tan, black, navy, grey, or true red. Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel dress style shoes. Metallic colors are not permitted. All heels must be less than ½”.

Styles not permitted include, but are not limited to, plastic shoes, heelies, boots higher than ankle height, hiking style boots, white soles, clogs, sandals, crocs, mules, slippers, moccasins, and other fashion shoes.

Boots:

Men’s Chukka boots and ladies’ low ankle boots are permitted.

PHOTOS ARE EXAMPLES AND NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT EVERY POTENTIAL BOOT STYLE

PERMITTED: Men’s Chukka boots and ladies’ low ankle boots



NOT PERMITTED: Hiking boots, white soles (If white sole, must be all leather)



Sperry Shoes:

Sperry AUTHENTIC ORIGINAL boat style shoes in these categories are permitted: Angelfish, Koifish and Songfish. The Sperry brand and other brands can have contrasting white soles ONLY IF the shoe is leather. All shoes must be primarily brown, tan, black, navy, grey, or true red and may have a small pattern on the side of the shoe.

PHOTOS ARE EXAMPLES AND NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT EVERY POTENTIAL SHOE STYLE

PERMITTED: Permitted shoes as listed above (If white sole, must be all leather)



NOT PERMITTED: Canvas shoes



Athletic Shoes:

Athletic or tennis shoes in cloth, mesh, or canvas are permitted only if they are all black with black soles or all white with white soles and with no contrasting logos. **THE SHOE MUST BE ALL BLACK OR ALL WHITE WITH NO CONTRASTING COLORS OR LOGOS.** Contrasting white soles are permitted only if the shoe is leather. Converse shoes and high-tops are not permitted.

PHOTOS ARE EXAMPLES AND NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT EVERY POTENTIAL SHOE STYLE

PERMITTED: Permitted shoes as listed above, including low top all-white or all-black Air Force Ones



NOT PERMITTED: Nike Pandas, contrasting colors, and High Tops of any kind including Air Force Ones and Chuck Taylors



SOCKS – GRADES 1 – 8

Socks or tights must be worn with all shoes; bare feet are not permitted. Socks must be solid navy, white, grey, or black. No multicolored socks are permitted. A small logo is permitted but Nike Elite type socks are not permitted. St. Hilary logo socks provided by Parents’ Association are permitted to be worn on gym days.

PANTS – GRADES 1 – 8

Navy dress pants are to be worn in grades 1-5. Navy or khaki dress pants may be worn in grades 6-8. “Dress” means the absence of ornamentation (rivets). Obvious stitching (top stitching or double stitching), and outside patch pockets. All shirts must be tucked inside pants or shorts.

Low-rise, mid-rise, flared leg, or cargo pants are not permitted.

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Navy dress shorts may be worn in grades 1-5, and navy or khaki dress shorts may be worn in grades 6-8, during the first and fourth quarters only.

Solid navy, brown or black leather or leather-like belts or navy elastic belts should be worn with pants or shorts with belt loops (for both girls and boys). Fad or cloth belts are not permitted.

SHIRTS AND SWEATERS – GRADES 1 – 8

Solid collared white, light blue, red, or navy dress shirts or polo shirts (long or short sleeved) are permitted. The St. Hilary crest is permitted, but not required, on dress or polo shirts.

Sweaters that are cardigan style and waist length are permitted. Sweaters longer than waist length are not permitted. Solid navy, true red, grey, or true white crew neck, cardigan, or V-neck sweaters or vests are permitted. Sweaters may not have any ornamentation such as lace, ruffles, beading, or logos. Rolled collar, buttoned neck, oversized, or hooded sweaters are not permitted.

Sweatshirts with the St. Hilary logo and 1/4-zip shirts with the St. Hilary logo are permitted.

White turtlenecks may be worn during the second and third quarters only.

Solid white undershirts or T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts.

On Mass days, a button-down dress shirt with or without a complementary tie is permitted for boys.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES – GRADES 6 – 8 BOYS

A 1/4 zip St. Hilary pullover (available from Made2Wear) is permitted.

Dress pants may be khaki in color.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES – GRADES 6 – 8 GIRLS

Uniform skirts in St. Hilary plaid must be of a modest length not to exceed the height of a soda pop can when the bottom of the can is placed at the middle of the knee. As girls grow throughout the year, be aware that skirts may need to be adjusted. Girls are expected to sit in a ladylike manner while wearing skirts.

A 1/4 zip St. Hilary pullover (available from Made2Wear) is permitted.

Dress pants may be khaki in color in a non-stretch fabric.

PHYS ED UNIFORM – GRADES 1 – 8

Students in grades 1 - 8 are required to wear the school Phys Ed (PE) uniform. This consists of a grey St. Hilary T-shirt (available through Made2Wear), solid black knit/nylon shorts that are mid-thigh in length and regular athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Students have the *option* to purchase through Made2Wear solid black shorts with a St. Hilary logo, which are also acceptable PE uniform shorts. Students will wear PE uniforms to school on days they have PE class, and will remain in PE uniforms for the day, except that students participating in Mass will dress in school uniforms and change for PE. Please see additional details below for specific grade levels and approved apparel.

Grades 1-5 Acceptable PE Tops

For grades 1-5, students may wear a gray St. Hilary PE T-shirt (available through Made2Wear). When extra layers are needed students are permitted to wear St. Hilary crew neck sweatshirts which are available in gray and navy. NO SPIRIT WEAR is allowed for grades 1-5.

- Students will receive one dress code warning, after which, they will receive a deduction in their PE grade and a dress code violation.

Grades 6-8 Acceptable PE Tops

For grades 6-8, students may continue to wear the gray St. Hilary PE T-shirt or they may wear St. Hilary spirit wear. This includes spirit wear sweatshirts. Spirit Wear from other schools is NOT allowed.

- Students will receive one dress code warning, after which, they will receive a deduction in their PE grade and a dress code violation.

Grades 1-8 Acceptable PE Bottoms

- For the sake of consistency and to ensure that all students are dressed in school-appropriate clothing for PE class, PE uniform bottoms are required. Students must purchase and wear only the Made2Wear solid black shorts, skorts and pants with the red SABERS logo.
- Either the black St. Hilary PE shorts with the red SABERS logo purchased through Made2Wear, the black St. Hilary PE skorts with the red SABERS logo purchased through Made2Wear, or the black St. Hilary PE pants with the red St. Hilary SABERS logo purchased through Made2Wear can be worn for PE class year-round.
- During the 2nd and 3rd quarters, students opting to wear the required shorts or skorts (instead of the required pants) for PE class must still wear the required pants over the shorts or skorts for the rest of the school day. The pants can be removed only during PE class.
- **NO leggings, Nike Tempo, Lululemon, running, biker, spandex and similar shorts to these brands and styles.**
- Students will receive one dress code warning, after which, they will receive a deduction in their Phys Ed grade and a dress code violation.

Grades 1-8 Acceptable PE Shoes

- Shoes should be an athletic shoe with non-marking soles. Shoes that slide or come off during vigorous movements are not allowed. NO Crocs, Ugg, Foam Runner, or slide type shoes are allowed. On days when students are wearing dress-down or dress-up shoes, proper PE shoes must be brought to school.
- Students will receive one dress code warning, after which, they will receive a deduction in their Phys Ed grade and a dress code violation.

PE Uniform on Mass Days

Students who have PE on Mass days and do not have an active role in Mass can wear their PE uniform to school for the entire day. Students who are participating in the Mass should wear their school uniform to school and change after Mass. If the student has PE 1st period, they should wear the PE uniform and they will be dismissed to change prior to Mass.

The enforcement of the gym uniform dress code will be handled by the homeroom and physical education teacher and/or the homeroom teacher.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM AND SPECIAL DRESS DAYS – GRADES K – 8

If students choose to dress down or dress up, the following standards will apply. Otherwise, regular dress code standards will be enforced. Parents will be called to bring suitable clothing if out of uniform standards are not met.

Dress Code for Dress Down Days:

Permitted:

- Modest and appropriate relaxed attire
- Tennis shoes, jeans, shorts and t-shirts for boys
- Tennis shoes, jeans, shorts, t-shirts, dresses, skirts, athletic shorts, and rompers for girls
- “Ripped” jeans are permitted as long as rips are small and at or below the knee
- Dresses and skirts must be of a modest length not to exceed the height of a soda pop can when the bottom of the can is placed at the middle of the knee
- Dresses and skirts must be of a modest fit
- Shorts (for both boys and girls) or rompers must come down to fingertip length on the thigh
- Tank tops only when worn with sweaters, shrugs, or cover ups
- Open-toed sandals or crocs with a back or strap around the heel
- Leggings that are fully opaque-must be worn with a long shirt that provides full front and back coverage
- Ugg-style outdoor slipper style shoes

Not Permitted:

- Crop tops
- Low-rise jeans or shorts (for both boys and girls) (Nike Tempo and Lululemon type shorts are not permitted)
- Spandex or similarly tight fitting shorts (for both boys and girls)
- Spandex / tight / “body-con” style dresses are not permitted
- Uncovered shoulders, including “cold shoulder” styles, low cut tops, open backs
- Sandals with no strap or back, clogs, or heels exceeding 1½ inches
- Hats (unless worn on a designated hat day)
- Attire with any political message or symbol

Dress Code for Dress Up Days:

Permitted:

- Modest and appropriate attire
- Dress pants or shorts (quarters 1 and 4 only for shorts, modest cargo pockets permitted for pants and shorts) and collared shirts for boys
- Dresses, skirts, dress pants, dress shorts, or dress rompers (quarters 1 and 4 only for shorts, modest cargo pockets permitted for pants and shorts), collared shirts, or blouses for girls
 - Dresses and skirts must be of a modest length not to exceed the height of a soda pop can when the bottom of the can is placed at the middle of the knee
 - Dresses and skirts must be of a modest fit
 - Dress shorts (for both boys and girls) and rompers must come down to fingertip length on the thigh
 - Many dress up days coincide with religious events and students are in the church. Students should be modest and dressed appropriately for Mass and other events in the church.
- Sleeveless dresses or tops with a sweater, shrug, or cover up
- Open-toed sandals with a back or strap around the heel

Not Permitted:

- Tennis shoes (**except for Kindergarten students**) or sandals with no back (school uniform-approved all-white or all black tennis shoes are permitted)
- Uncovered shoulders, including “cold shoulder” styles, low cut tops, open backs
- Jeans
- Spandex or similarly tight fitting shorts (for both boys and girls)
- Spandex / tight / “body-con” style dresses are not permitted
- T-shirts
- Attire with any political message or symbol

Spirit Days:

Students may be granted the privilege of an administration-approved day on which to wear St. Hilary spirit wear. This day will be determined at the onset of each school year. On the approved day, students may wear only a St. Hilary spirit shirt with their regular school uniform pants or skirt.

ENFORCEMENT – GRADES K – 8

A violation of any part of the dress code will result in the issuance of a Minor Infraction Notification (MIN). Administration or faculty reserve the right to require students to change clothes if clothing is inappropriate. Three dress code MINs will result in a detention as well as exclusion from the next dress down day.