

# Dress Code for St. Martin's Lutheran School

## FOR GRADES 5- 8:

*As of July 2023, the St. Martin's School Board revised and reviewed some of our dress code and electronics policies. Please note any additions and/or changes to the policies. These will be in effect again for the upcoming school year. Any questions, or concerns, please contact the school office (452 -6928)*

### ELECTRONICS:

Students shall not be in possession of cell phones, Smart watches, iPods, iPads, hand-held video games, and other electronic devices during the school day. The school day is defined as 7:45 am to 2:10 pm.

Any electronic device that is brought to school must be turned in to the classroom teacher upon arrival in the morning, and can be picked up by the student upon dismissal at the end of the school day. If a need arises for an electronic item to be in the student's possession, a parent needs to contact the school administrator. Then, with the knowledge and approval of the school administrator an appropriate plan may be put in place on a case-by-case basis.

If a student is in possession of an electronic device, it will be confiscated and remain in the school office until picked up by a parent.

### DRESS CODE:

Neatness and appropriateness are the key words in selecting school clothing. Clothing styles that reflect good taste and appropriate modesty help maintain the proper Christian atmosphere that should prevail at St. Martin's.

Hair and hairstyles should be clean, neat and natural. Extreme and unusual hairstyles and colors are not acceptable. Hair length must not interfere with the educational process, and must be worn above the eyes.

Shirts with tails must be tucked in. No ragged sweatshirts, or T shirts are not allowed. Imprinted items that are contrary to the Christian principles of the school are not considered proper dress.

Pants must be worn at the waist. Pants or jeans with holes are not suitable for school. Tear-aways are not allowed for regular school wear. Hats and/or headscarves may not be worn during the school day.

Shoes should be practical, not hazardous to safety or damaging to floors and furniture. No clogs or open-back shoes without straps will be allowed. No FLIP -FLOPS are allowed.

Shorts may be worn from April to October; or if the outdoor temperature is above 60 degrees. Shorts must be tasteful, hemmed, loose fitting, and of modest length. No spandex, frayed cutoffs, drawstring, or sweat suit-type shorts are allowed. Shorts must reach to mid-thigh, or below.

From the beginning to the end of the school day, hats and coats may not be worn in the building.

Wednesday is chapel day and we ask parents and students to give special attention to dress on this day. In other words - "dress up", as we worship our Lord and Savior. Students will be allowed to change into other clothes for gym class after chapel if they wish.

Cold weather - Students should have a sweater, or sweatshirt for classroom use if needed. During winter students should have at school every day: coats, hat/earmuffs, gloves or mittens. We also recommend snow boots and snow pants. **Coats are required for outdoor recess during the winter/cold months of the year.**

**For Grades 5 - 8, the following also applies: (Adopted, July 2015, 2018 and 2023):**

- **No Tank tops, sleeveless shirts or common white undershirts are allowed unless under another appropriate top.**
- No form fitting pants (pants so tight that the muscles in your calves, thighs, and/or backside are visible)
- No boxers, briefs or undergarments are allowed to show, front or back
- **ALL leggings must be worn with attire that covers private areas - in front and in back.**
- No spandex pants/shorts
- **No undergarments must ever show**
- No cleavage, backs or midriffs should show
- No form-fitting tops (tight enough that your curves or physique show)
- Tops with spaghetti straps are not allowed
- Tops must be of a length so that no skin is exposed at the waist
- Skirts and dresses: length must be mid-thigh or longer in length; skirt and dress length must be modest when sitting or standing
- Jewelry/make up should be conservative
- Hair must be well groomed, neat and clean at all times and reflect a positive image

**The Principal is the final authority regarding dress code questions.**

**It is the responsibility of parents to see that their children are neatly and appropriately dressed.**

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**Please sign, and return (Grades 5 - 8 only):**

**I have read the dress code policy for St. Martin's School and will review the policies with my child. I acknowledge that I am aware of the restrictions for this school year.**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Today's Date**

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**Student Signature**