



St. John Lutheran School FAQ'S - Standardized Dress Policy

While we have a standardized dress code that explains what our students can wear, parents still have several questions regarding what to purchase, etc. The following provides answers to the most frequently asked questions:

How many different items do I need?

Ultimately it depends on how much laundry you like to do and how hard your child is on clothes, but in general:

- Shirts - you need enough shirts for an entire week (mixture of colors or what your child likes)
- Plaid jumpers or skorts - these wash *incredibly* well and can be worn more than once a week usually. You don't need more than 1 or 2 jumpers and 2 skorts or skirts most likely.
- Pants/shorts (more for boys) - you need at least 3 pair, but could even use one for each day of week depending on how hard your child is on the pants or how dirty they get.

What do the girls typically wear?

Girls have more choices than boys. While the plaid vs. navy blue or khaki is personal preference, overall, more students wear plaid for the skirts, skorts or jumpers (particularly in the younger grades). Navy blue or khaki is worn more for pants and shorts. What is actually worn depends on personal preference, but what's "typically" worn is:

- Younger grades (K-3) - jumpers, skirts or skorts
- Older grades (4-8) - skirts, skorts, shorts or pants
- Most girls do not wear jumpers after 3rd or 4th grade

Do I have to purchase items from Lands End or Just Me Apparel?

No, but they do have to match the standardized dress code. The plaid should be bought from Lands End or Just Me Apparel to ensure that it's the right plaid. The pants and shirts can be purchased anywhere. You must be careful about the girls' polo shirts though - several "regular" stores (i.e., Target) have polo shirts, but they are not standard, as they come with pockets or cap sleeves or different collars, etc. The boys' pants and shorts from Target actually wear incredibly well. Lands End also has a feminine fit polo that is really nice for girls.

Can they wear shorts year-round?

Yes, students can wear shorts year-round, but they do go out for recess during the winter unless it is incredibly cold (i.e., below 20 degrees). We strongly recommend long pants during winter.

What shoes do most kids wear?

The majority of students wear tennis shoes every day, with the exception of the younger grade girls. Girls in K-3rd often wear standard black casual "dress" shoes - i.e., Mary Janes. They need to have rubber soles. You will need to purchase an additional pair of tennis shoes for gym class (for all grades), but often kids get cheaper ones just for gym.