



2022-23 DRESS CODE

At St. Thomas Aquinas High School, our dress code reflects our Catholic mission to instill **unity**, **respect**, and **integrity** within our students. We believe that a student's appearance has a direct effect on his/her attitude and behavior. Additionally, and in the larger scope of preparing our students for college and beyond, the dress code teaches students that different types of dress are appropriate for different settings.

The St. Thomas Aquinas High School dress code has been established so that students understand that their manner of dress should be appropriate to the serious nature of academic study, promote the dignity and self respect worthy of each student, and communicate **Saints Pride** to the greater community.

Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to conform. If students cannot or will not conform, they will be sent to the Principal or designee for appropriate discipline. At all times, the Faculty and Administration reserves the right to decide whether a student is in dress code. The Administration also reserves the right to make changes to the dress code, as it deems necessary. Daily, the Principal is the **final interpreter** of the school dress code.

If the Principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given the opportunity to correct the issue at school. If not corrected, the student may be removed from the classroom setting until corrected or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the student code of conduct.

All items must be purchased from Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms (excluding shoes, pants, and appropriately STA-branded polos and quarter-zips)

Items are available at: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school-search>

Upon entering the building, all students must follow the dress code until the end of the school day under the following guidelines:

*** In 2022-23, masks are optional. While not mandating a singular style or type of mask, masks must fit within the STA expectations of appropriate school attire.**

Female Attire

Shirts:

Students have the option of the following:

- Tommy Hilfiger blue or white long or short-sleeve pinpoint Oxford blouse **with** STA logo and tails tucked in.
- Tommy Hilfigershort or long-sleeve polo shirt in grey, white, royal or navy **with** STA logo or STA seal
 - Girls wearing fem fit polos do not need to tuck them in.
 - No more than the top two buttons may be unbuttoned.
 - Students may wear a white short-sleeve undershirt underneath their uniform shirts. The sleeves of the undershirt must not be visible below the uniform shirt.

- Appropriately STA-branded athletic/club polos are permitted but must be in STA color scheme of grey, white, royal, or navy.

Sweaters and Fleece:

Students have the option of the following:

- Tommy Hilfiger navy or grey cardigan sweater with the STA logo or STA seal.
- Tommy Hilfiger navy or grey long-sleeve V-neck sweater with the STA logo or STA seal.
- Tommy Hilfiger navy pullover half-zip polar fleece with STA logo or STA seal.
- Tommy Hilfiger classic navy blazer, STA logo *optional*.
- STA athletic and fleece quarter-zips that are similar in nature to the Tommy Hilfiger half-zip are acceptable if in the STA color scheme of grey, white, royal, or navy. Quarter-zips must be from an STA sport or activity and STA-branded appropriately.

All options must be worn over an Oxford blouse or STA polo. No full zip jackets of any kind are allowed to be worn inside.

Pants:

- Tommy Hilfiger straight leg pants in navy or khaki. *****Please note this is the only item that can be purchased outside of Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms. However, it must fit the specifications of the pants provided by Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms.*****
 - Pants must be hemmed and must have inverted pockets; outside pockets are not permitted.
 - Pant legs are not to be rolled or ankle length.
 - A brown or black leather belt is to be worn at all times.

Shorts:

- Tommy Hilfiger navy or khaki Bermuda shorts may be worn until September 30 and from May 1 until the end of the school year.
 - A black or brown leather belt is to be worn at all times.

Skirts:

- Tommy Hilfiger A-line side-button skirt or skort in khaki or navy. *****Please note that no other style of skirt, skort or dress is permitted.***
 - Skirts must be worn with solid-colored ankle socks, navy or white knee highs or solid colored tights. -Students may wear tights, leggings, and yoga pants underneath the skirt or skort. Acceptable colors are navy, white, gray, black, or tan.
 - The length of the skirt must go to two inches longer than the longest fingertip when students' arms are at their side

Footwear:

- The dress code shoe for **all** students is a leather boat shoe in the following colors: tan, brown, black, navy, or grey. No other shoes are permissible.
 - Solid colored socks are to be worn at all times.

Please note: Boots will be allowed for the winter season from the first day of Quarter 2 through the last day of Quarter 3. Boot selections may not take away from students' clean and professional appearance.

Outerwear:

- Sweatshirts (crew, quarter-zip or hoodies) are NOT allowed.
- Jackets and coats, including STA outerwear, cannot be worn **inside** the building including on dress down days.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn inside the building including on dress-down days.
- Scarves are not allowed to be worn inside the building.

Personal Grooming:

- Extreme (bright, distracting or unnatural) hair color and hairstyles are not allowed.
- Body or facial piercing must be conservative in nature.
- No visible tattoos are allowed.
- Detention will be assigned to any student not in compliance with these personal grooming guidelines.

Male Attire

Shirts:

Students have the option of the following:

- Tommy Hilfiger blue or white long or short-sleeve pinpoint Oxford shirt **with** STA logo.
- Tommy Hilfigershort or long-sleeve polo shirt in grey, white, royal or navy **with** STA logo or STA seal.
- Appropriately STA-branded athletic/club polos are permitted but must be in STA color scheme of grey, white, royal, or navy.
 - All shirts are to be **tucked in**.
 - Ties must be simple and not of a distracting nature. If a tie is worn, it must be with a plain white or blue button down, STA logo is optional.
 - Students may wear a white short-sleeve undershirt underneath their uniform shirts. The sleeves of the undershirt must not be visible below the uniform shirt.

Sweaters and Fleece:

Students have the option of the following:

- Tommy Hilfiger navy or grey long-sleeve V-neck sweater with the STA logo or STA seal. • Tommy Hilfiger navy pullover half-zip polar fleece with STA logo or STA seal.
- Tommy Hilfiger classic navy blazer, STA logo *optional*.
- STA athletic and fleece quarter-zips that are similar in nature to the Tommy Hilfiger half-zip are acceptable if in the STA color scheme of grey, white, royal, or navy. Quarter-zips must be from an STA sport or activity and STA-branded appropriately.

All options must be worn over an Oxford shirt and tie or STA polo. No full zip jackets of any kind are allowed to be worn inside.

Pants:

- Tommy Hilfiger flat front pants in khaki or navy with pockets at the waist/hip. *****Please note this is the only item that can be purchased outside of Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms. However, it must fit the specifications of the pants provided by Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms.*****
 - Pants must be hemmed.
 - Pant legs are not to be rolled or ankle length.
 - A black or brown leather belt is to be worn at all times.

Shorts:

- Tommy Hilfiger navy or khaki flat front shorts may be worn until September 30 and from May 1 until the end of the school year.
- A black or brown leather belt is to be worn at all times.

Footwear:

- The dress code shoe for **all students** is a leather boat shoe in the following colors: tan, brown, black, navy, or grey. No other shoes are permissible.
- Conservative socks are to be worn at all times.

Please note: Boots will be allowed for the winter season from the first day of Quarter 2 through the last day of Quarter 3. Boot selections may not take away from students' clean and professional appearance.

Outerwear:

- Sweatshirts (crew, quarter-zip or hoodies) are NOT allowed.
- Jackets and coats, including STA outerwear, cannot be worn **inside** the building including on dress down days.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn inside the building including on dress down days.
- Scarves not allowed to be worn inside the building.

Personal Grooming:

- Boys must be clean shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed for any student.
- Extreme (bright, distracting or unnatural) hair color and hairstyles are not allowed
- Hair length is not to exceed the top of the collar and not to fall below the top of the eyebrows.
- Ponytails, braids, shaved hair under longer hair, shaved heads(hair less than 1/8 inch), mushroom styles, shaved lines and designs **are not allowed**.
- Sideburns may not exceed the top of the earlobe.
- Body or facial piercing is not allowed.
- No visible tattoos are allowed.
- Detention will be assigned to any student not in compliance with these personal grooming guidelines.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Dress code is the norm for most school days. Occasionally students will be allowed to “dress down.” Dress Down clothing should follow these guidelines:

- No stretchy-skin-tight or see-through clothing
- No leggings, footless tights, or yoga pants, unless worn under a skirt or shorts. Tights must be solid colors, but may differ from dress code colors
- No pajamas. No slippers
- Sweatpants must be solid color. No fleece, flannel, or clingy material
- Shorts, at minimum, must go to mid-thigh as measured by the longest fingertip when students' arms are at their side. Shorts are only allowed from the start of the school year until September 30 and from May 1 until the end of the school year.
- Skirts, at minimum, must go to two inches longer than the longest fingertip when students' arms are at their side

- No rips or tears in clothing (no holes in jeans). No cut-offs
- No tank tops or exposed shoulders. No exposed midriff or cleavage
- Text and imagery should be G-rated
- Hair styles must remain “in code”
- No facial hair
- No hats
- Coats may be worn during passing time when traveling between buildings but must be off before the next class bell rings.

Other guidelines may be provided by school administration, depending on the occasion for the dress-down day.