

St. Thomas Aquinas High School 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 the Principal's 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.

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:

FEMALE ATTIRE:

Blazers

- Blazers are required for all students and must be worn on Mass days as well as any other day as directed by the Administration.
 - Tommy Hilfiger classic navy blazer with STA logo

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 Hilfiger short or long-sleeve polo shirts in grey, white, royal or navy **with** STA logo or STA seal
 - Girls wearing firm 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.
 - 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
 - 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 during quarter 1 and quarter 4 only of the school year.
 - A brown or black 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: No other style of skirt, skort, or dress is permitted.***
 - Students **MUST** wear athletic-style shorts under skirts at all times.
 - 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, grey, black, or tan.
 - The length of the skirt must be to 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. **Boots** selections may not take away from students' clean and professional appearance. **Boots should protect the entire foot from winter weather and not have any part of the foot, ankle, or heel exposed.**

Outerwear

- STA-branded crewneck sweatshirts are allowed; Any style **Hoodies is NOT allowed** including any that are STA-branded.
- STA-branded quarter zips are allowed.
- STA-branded blazers may be worn at any time.
- 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 piercings 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:

Blazers

- Blazers are required for all students and must be worn on Mass days as well as any other day as directed by the Administration.
 - Tommy Hilfiger classic navy blazer with STA logo

Shirts

- Students have the option of the following:
 - Tommy Hilfiger blue or white long or short-sleeve pinpoint Oxford shirt **with** STA logo worn with a necktie.
 - Tommy Hilfiger short 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - No outside pockets are allowed.
 - 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 during Quarter 1 and Quarter 4 only during 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.
 - 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. **Boots should protect the entire foot from winter weather and not have any part of the foot, ankle, or heel exposed.**

Outerwear

- STA-branded crewneck sweatshirts are allowed; Any style Hoodies is NOT allowed including any that are STA-branded.
- STA-branded quarter zips are allowed.
- STA-branded blazers may be worn at any time.
- 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

- Boys must always be clean shaven. 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, man buns, 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.
- Ear piercings must be single studs or a tight closed loop.
- No visible tattoos are allowed.
- Detention will be assigned to any student not in compliance with these personal grooming guidelines.

DRESS DOWN DAY GUIDELINES

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 colored. 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 during Quarter 1 and Quarter 4 during the school year.
- Skirts, at minimum, must go to the longest fingertip when student’s arms are at her side
- No dresses.
- 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 or coats in the building. 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.

CO-CURRICULAR

- Students, who represent the school during any co-curricular activity, and including athletics, must adhere to the **School Dress Code and/or Dress Down Day Code** as directed by the Activity Moderator or Coach. This is particularly important when traveling to events away from school, including field trips.