



## Uniform Dress Code 2022-2023 School Year

The Dress Code and uniforms of St. Croix Preparatory Academy (SCPA) build community and diminish the importance of external factors related to clothing. SCPA students are expected to dress in a way that aligns with our mission of maintaining a learning environment that focuses on the development of each student's academic potential, personal character and leadership qualities.

All SCPA students are expected to be in school uniform each day, except for the designated non-uniform days or spirit wear days. Neatness, cleanliness, and modesty should be observed at all times. Please see the modesty guidelines detailed below. SCPA reserves the right to determine appropriateness of attire. Questions related to the appropriateness of a student's dress will be determined by the administration of SCPA.

### I. Uniform Provider

Uniform clothing must be ordered through Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform or Donald's Uniform (with the exception of shoes, socks, coats and other accessories).

#### Ordering Information:

##### Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform – Online Only

Website: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/>  
School Code: STCR01  
Phone: 1-877-825-2860 (Customer Service)

##### Donald's Uniform – Online & Retail Storefront

Address: 972 Payne Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55130  
Website: <https://www.donaldsuniform.com>  
School Code: STCR01  
Phone: 651-776-2723

### II. Modesty Guidelines - These guidelines apply to all school dress

Modesty is defined as the reserve in dress to prevent unintentional exposure of the body. It is recognized that there are varied opinions as to what constitutes modesty, therefore the following guidelines help define the expectations for SCPA students. **Violations of these guidelines will be treated as a uniform violation.**

- No underwear showing, bottoms are to be worn at the natural waist.
- No bra straps, or cleavage may be showing.
- No midriff may be showing.
- Outfits, both uniform or non-uniform, that are too tight and/or too revealing, including leggings, jeggings and other tight fitting spandex pants are not to be worn.
- The latest fashion or fad may not fit the dress code.
  - **Biker shorts, or leggings, or tights MUST BE WORN under skirts (all grades K-12).**
  - K-4 any colored/patterned leggings.
  - Grades 5-12: solid colors only in navy, black, gray or white.



### III. School Uniform Guidelines

#### **Shirts**

- All shirts must be buttoned modestly at all times. Only top button may be undone.
- Uniform shirts do not need to be tucked in. Uniform shirts may hang out under the uniform sweatshirt, sweater or fleece jacket and vests.
- No long-sleeve shirts may be worn underneath short-sleeve shirts.
- Undershirts under uniform collared shirts must be white.
  - Undershirts may not hang below the uniform shirt.
  - No print, lace or frayed shirts.
  - Peter Pan Shirt - No ruffles on collar.
- All shirts must have a St. Croix Prep logo.
- Any top layered clothing item must have a St. Croix Prep logo.

#### **Sweatshirts**

- Current dress code sweatshirts/polar fleece only – no SCPA hooded sweatshirt or spirit wear.
- Must have uniform shirt underneath sweatshirt if sweatshirt is removed during school hours.

#### **Jumpers / Skirts**

- **Length, no shorter than 2" above the knees. Skirts may not be rolled.**
- **Bike shorts, leggings or tights MUST BE WORN under skirts in grades K-12.**
- **Skorts are not allowed in grades 5-12. Skorts are defined as:**
  - A skirt with a pair of integral shorts hidden underneath.
- 5th-12th grade only can wear the plaid skirt.
- Uniform shirts must be worn under the jumper.
- Leg Coverings (tights, socks, leggings)
  - Lower School - any color & print.
  - Middle and Upper School - Solid colors only: navy, black, gray or white.
  - Tights (footed or footless).
  - Capri leggings.
  - Must be opaque.
  - No fishnets or full-lace tights/leggings.
  - No pajama pants under jumpers/skirts.

#### **Pants / Shorts**

- All K-8<sup>th</sup> grade pants and shorts must be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's School Uniform.
- K-8<sup>th</sup> grade pants and shorts must be navy and have no more than 4 pockets.
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade pants may be purchased from any vendor but must be navy or khaki and have no more than 4 pockets.
- Banded bottom cargo pants ("Joggers") are not allowed. **All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade pants must be similar in style, color and fabric to Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's uniform options.**
- Inseams on shorts must be between 8"-10".
- No skin or underwear showing.
- No rolling/cuffing.



## Shoes

- **Shoes should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention to the student.**
- No flip-flops, sports sandals or slides.
- No heel height restrictions have been made, but the school reserves the right to make restrictions.

## Additional Notes:

- Only Grades 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> can wear navy shirts & khaki bottom.
- Only Grades 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> can wear plaid skirts.
- Worn, damaged, faded or outgrown uniforms should be repaired and/or replaced.
- No letter jackets are to be worn in the classrooms except on spirit wear days.
- Hats and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in school except for special event days that specifically allow for these to be worn.
- All clothing, jewelry, make-up, hairstyles and accessories should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention to the student. Students may be asked to remove inappropriate accessories.
- **Specifically excluded accessories include: arm warmers, bandanas, or clothing ornamentation such as scarves and pins.**
- **Belts are acceptable only with bottoms that have belt loops and belts must be worn through the belt loops.**
- No tying shirts in the back.
- No gloves or mittens may be worn during school hours except for recess. No coats and non-SCPA sweaters/sweatshirts may be worn during school hours except for recess.
- No writing on arms, legs, faces or uniforms.
- Families who are eligible for educational benefits are eligible to receive benefits for school uniforms. Please contact the main office.

## IV. Physical Education Guidelines

Students in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are required to wear a SCPA gym uniform. The uniform consists of a t-shirt and mesh shorts. The gym uniform is available at **Tommy Hilfiger only. Donald's Uniform does not carry our gym uniforms.** Students are required to have tennis shoes for class in all grade levels.

## V. Concert Attire Guidelines

- **Lower School:** Dress-up attire is suggested. No jeans, t-shirts or short skirts. For safety purposes, flat shoes should be worn.
- **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir:**
  - Black top, black dress slacks or skirt (black dress is acceptable), and black shoes (NO jeans or leggings).
  - Shirts/tops must have sleeves or be worn with a sweater/jacket.
  - Boys must wear a collared shirt (polos are acceptable, but **no** t-shirts).
  - Girls' skirts must be **longer than the knees while sitting or wear solid opaque black or white leggings or tights under skirts/dresses.**
- **All Other Middle School Ensembles (Including 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Orchestra & Band)**
  - White top, black dress slacks or skirt, and black shoes (NO jeans or leggings).
  - Shirts/tops must have sleeves or be worn with a sweater/jacket.
  - Boys must wear a collared shirt (polos are acceptable, but **no** t-shirts).
  - Girls' skirts must be **longer than the knees while sitting or wear solid opaque black or white leggings or tights under skirts/dresses.**



- **Upper School:** Concert Attire measured for and purchased at the start of each school year.
  - Women must provide their own black tights and close-toed shoes. Minimal jewelry and hair accessories. Dress Price: approximately \$60.
  - Men must provide their own black socks and dress shoes.  
Tuxedo Price: approximately \$100 (includes jacket, shirt, pants, tie, and cummerbund).
- **Financial Assistance for Concert Attire:** If concert attire is a financial hardship or if you have any questions, please contact your child's music director directly.

## VI. Dress Code Violations

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of dress code violations. Dress code violations will result in disciplinary actions, which vary by division (Lower, Middle or Upper School). Specific dress code violation consequences are listed in your student's annual school planner (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) or division level handbook (Lower School and Middle School). Handbooks are posted on the school website ([www.stcroixprep.org](http://www.stcroixprep.org)) (K-8th).

## VII. Opt-Out Provision

Parents or guardians may apply to the Division Principal for full or partial exemption from the dress code in the following situations:

- A student's disability or medical condition which would substantially interfere with a student's ability to comply with the dress code.
- A student's religious observation which would be substantially hindered by compliance with the dress code.

## VIII. Non-Uniform & Spirit Wear Days

Non-Uniform days will be scheduled throughout the course of the year. Students must demonstrate neatness, cleanliness, and modesty in their appearance on non-uniform days. Clothing on a non-uniform day should not be a distraction to teaching and learning. SCPA reserves the right to determine appropriateness of attire. Questions related to the appropriateness of a student's dress will be determined by the administration of SCPA.

### Non-Uniform Guidelines

#### Additional Items

- Shirts must have sleeves or have another shirt over the top and must be modestly buttoned. Only the top button may be undone. No tank tops or spaghetti straps. No underwear, bra straps, cleavage or midriff may be showing.
- Skirts, shorts, dresses must be no shorter than 2" above the knees (shorts must have 8"-10" inseam which include bermuda shorts, trouser shorts, and athletic/basketball shorts.).
- Jeans, sweats, joggers/athletic pants (no holes or fraying). No spandex pants or shorts of any kind - ie. yoga pants, leggings, and/or biker shorts.
- All other general SCPA dress code guidelines should be followed.



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### **Spirit Wear Guidelines**

To enhance school spirit and build a closer community, SCPA will have days when students may wear spirit wear in lieu of their uniform. Spirit wear days will be scheduled throughout the year. The following guidelines apply:

- All previously issued SCPA spirit wear attire, athletic participation shirts and event clothing may be worn. This includes SCPA branded or issued athletic uniform shorts and warm-up pants.
- Jeans (solid blue or black) may be worn otherwise uniform pants, shorts, or skirts are to accompany the Spirit Wear attire.