

Dress Code

Dress Code Philosophy *

Students show respect for their school and themselves by taking pride in their appearance. A dress code reflects the values of the institution that establishes the code. As long as a student is enrolled at Seton School, he/she should represent and reflect the image of the school.

- In the formation of mature, educated, Christian adults, students must possess personal discipline and modesty.
- The sacrifice and effort required to adhere to a uniform dress code policy on a daily basis is an outward expression of the discipline necessary for academic success and spiritual growth.
- In an effort to boost school pride, the dress code allows students to be identified as members of the Seton community while on campus as well as when traveling to and from school.
- A dress code focuses on equality and a sense of belonging and thus helps to eliminate competition to “out-dress” other students.
- Seton has four dress codes (Uniform, Out-of-Uniform Day, Activities, and Casual Dress) that are outlined in the following pages.
- Final decisions about student dress reside with the director and faculty.

**Adapted from St John Paul the Great*

General Guidelines for All Dress Codes

Clothing

- Clothing is to be neat, clean, modest, and in good repair.
- Shirts and blouses must have sleeves and may have no more than one button unbuttoned at the neck. Buttons that fasten down the collar must be buttoned. Shirts and blouses must not be see-through, tight or clingy.
- The following are always unacceptable: tight clothing (including skinny jeans or tapered pants), low cut tops, exposed underclothing (including thermals), bare midriffs, or clothing with any inappropriate symbols, pictures, or words.

Make-up/Jewelry

- Showy makeup and excesses in jewelry and/or attachments to clothing are not permitted.
- Nail polish is permitted.
- Boys may not wear earrings on school property or to school functions.
- Girls may wear no more than two earrings per ear, in the earlobe.
- No facial or body piercings are permitted.
- No tattoos may be visible.

Hairstyles

- Extreme or fad hair styles (including spiked hair) or colors (including obviously dyed or bleached) are not permitted. The student may be sent home and allowed to return to school when his or her hair has returned to normal color.
- Boys' hair may not be more than four inches long at any point, must be above the collar, and must be neatly styled. Boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns may not extend below the ear.
- Girls' hair must be neatly styled and combed.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

The Uniform Dress Code is in effect for all regular school days during regular school hours unless announced otherwise. Anything that does not conform to these guidelines will be considered a violation of the dress code. Students not dressed in appropriate dress code will receive demerits and may be sent home.

Be sure that the uniform company you are dealing with knows that you are from Seton School in Manassas!

Outerwear

- **APPROVED:** Navy uniform sweaters (option of gray for seniors), Seton wind shirts, Seton fleece jackets, Seton varsity jackets, official Seton sports team jackets, navy blue blazers, and Seton senior class jackets (for current seniors only). These are the only acceptable outerwear for uniform dress code. Approved outerwear must be worn over the uniform shirt.
- Uniform sweaters must be purchased through Flynn and O'Hara or Lands' End. Several styles are available in navy with gold "Seton" logo, which is required. Seniors have the option of purchasing one of the styles in gray with gold "Seton" logo.
- Underclassmen may not wear GRAY colored outerwear; that is reserved for seniors.
- No other outerwear may be worn at any time during the school day anywhere on the Seton campus, inside or outside of the classroom. That includes sweatshirts and hoodies. This rule applies for Mass at All Saints on Mondays.

Exception: During the winter months, students may wear winter coats *only outdoors*, and must remove them before class, lunch or any other activity.

Uniform Shirts (Girls and Boys)

- Students must wear a dress shirt meeting all three of the following criteria: (1) light blue, (2) button-down collar, (3) oxford cloth shirt. (No French blue, other fabric, brand-name insignia on shirt pocket, etc.) Button-down collar buttons must be buttoned.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times. (No shirts rolled under, etc.)
- Sleeves may be long or short. Long sleeves may be rolled up, but if not, cuffs must be buttoned. Short sleeves may not be rolled.
- A plain white tee shirt, undershirt, or turtleneck may be worn under the oxford cloth uniform shirt. (Sleeves may not protrude from either short or long sleeved uniform shirt sleeves.)

- Girls may have only the top button unbuttoned.
- Boys must wear a necktie properly tied at the neck to cover the top button. Neckties must be properly tied when students arrive on campus in the morning. Ties may be removed for afterschool activities.

Uniform Skirts (Girls)

*****Please see ordering information below. Also, skirts must cover most or all of the knee—check length when you receive your skirt. Be sure to order the Seton School skirts from these companies!**

- Girls in grades 7-11 may choose from the following skirt styles:
 1. Plaid Knife Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O’Hara (Teen Long or Custom Length)
 2. Navy 4 Kick Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O’Hara (Teen Long or Custom Length)
 3. Navy School Uniform Solid Knife Pleat Skirt from Lands’ End (Long or Below-the-Knee)
 4. Navy School Uniform Solid A-Line Skirt from Lands’ End (Below-the-Knee)
- Girls in grade 12 have the option of adding the following skirt styles:
 1. Gray 4 Kick Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O’Hara (Teen Long or Custom Length)
 2. Gray School Uniform Women’s Solid Pleated Skirt from Lands’ End (max. length 24.5 inches is not long enough for taller students)
 3. Gray School Uniform Solid A-Line Skirt from Lands’ End (Below-the-Knee)
- The plaid wrap skirt has never been an approved uniform skirt. This skirt is not an option.

***** Flynn & O’Hara skirts do not parallel traditional skirt sizing. They are sized by waist measurements. All skirts come with a 2” hem. Order by July 1st to ensure delivery before the first day of school. Remember to identify yourself as a Seton family so that you will order the correct skirt.**

***** When ordering from Lands’ End use preferred school # 900057647 and identify yourself as Seton family.**

** Seton’s Uniform Closet has used skirts that meet the above requirements.*

Uniform Pants (Boys)

- Boys in grades 7-11 must wear navy dress slacks of traditional prep school style.
- Boys in grade 12 have the option of wearing gray dress slacks of the same style.
- Boys must wear a plain solid brown or black belt of conservative style. (No studded belts or inappropriate symbols or words, etc. No chains/key chains hanging from belts or pockets.)
- Not permitted – jeans or cargo styling, loose, dragging or tight styles.

Uniform Shoes

All students must wear plain brown, tan, black, navy blue or grey dress shoes with no more than minor, subtle decoration. Traditional, conservative styles such as oxfords, loafers or brown boat shoes are acceptable. Any style shoe considered as formal or more formal than the recommended shoe is acceptable provided it has a closed heel, closed toe, and a low top (below ankle). Shoes must be worn properly.

- Girls' shoes must have heels no higher than 2" measured from the back of the heel.
- Shoes with a lighter (but not white) or darker sole are acceptable as long as they meet all other requirements. (See Not permitted below.) Shoes and shoelaces must be worn and tied properly.
- Girls and boys may also wear all black low top athletic shoes that are mostly leather (soles must be black as well) with black shoestrings. (Check at Walmart, Target, Payless, Famous Footwear, or DSW, in stores or online).
- Not permitted – sneakers; shoes with white sneaker-like soles. Sambas with white stripes and/or light soles are not permitted (all black with black sole are permitted).
- Boots are only permitted in weather with snow or ice on the ground.

Uniform Socks

- All students must wear socks.
- Girls may wear stockings or tights. Leggings are permitted if they appear the same as tights and the bottoms are completely covered by socks.

Uniform after School

Any students who remain on campus after school must be in uniform until they leave unless they are participating in a school sport or other activity which does not require uniform dress code. Ties may be removed.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY CODE (formerly Classroom Dress)

Out-of-Uniform Day Code applies to Seniors on the first school day of each month and on occasional, announced out-of uniform school days for other students. *Out-of-Uniform Day Code follows the basic guidelines of Uniform Dress Code with the exceptions listed below and no others. **Students not dressed in appropriate dress code may be sent home and receive appropriate demerits.*** Anything that does not conform to these guidelines will be considered a violation of the dress code.

Boys Out-of-Uniform Day Code

Boys will wear a dress shirt, tie, belt, shoes and dress pants following the same guidelines of Uniform Dress Code except that different colors may be worn. In cold weather boys may wear a vest, sweater or dress jacket.

Girls Out-of-Uniform Day Code

Girls will wear dresses or skirts with blouses or sweaters following the guidelines of Uniform Dress Code, with the following additions:

- Dresses and skirts must cover the knees when sitting and cover most or all of the knee when standing.
- Dresses, skirts, tops, blouses or sweaters must not be short, tight, clingy, form fitting or see-through.
- Dresses/skirts: Slits or gaps above the knee are not permitted. Slits may be sewn closed. No pencil style or other tight skirts are allowed. No wrap-around skirts or dresses are allowed.
- Necklines in tops or dresses must not be more than two inches below the collarbone (about the width of three fingers) unless a turtleneck or crewneck shirt is worn under them.
- Dresses and tops must have sleeves, even if jackets or sweaters are worn. However, shirts with sleeves may be worn under sundresses, as in jumpers.
- Lingerie camisoles are not acceptable. Other camisoles must meet neckline requirement. Scarves to cover low necklines are not acceptable.
- Sweaters may be worn for Out-of-Uniform Class Days. Sweaters cannot be tight or low cut.
- Any dress shoes are acceptable.

ACTIVITIES DRESS CODE

Activities Dress Code applies for all field trips and extracurricular activities except sports, unless announced otherwise. Activities Dress Code follows the guidelines for Out-of-Uniform Day Code with the following exceptions.

Boys Activities Dress Code

- Exceptions
 1. Dress shirts and ties are not required, but all shirts must have collars.
 2. Corduroy pants with jean styling may be worn.
 3. Sneakers may be worn unless otherwise announced.
- Unacceptable – tight pants, jeans of any color and shorts.

Girls Activities Dress Code

- Follow the guidelines for classroom dress code.
- Exceptions
 1. Dress pants, or corduroy pants with jeans styling, may be worn.
 2. Capris and sandals may be worn.
 3. Sneakers may be worn unless otherwise announced.
- Unacceptable – tight fitting pants or capris, jeans of any color including skinny jeans, jeggings and shorts.

Casual Dress Clothing

Casual Dress applies for any sporting event. Other events may be announced as “casual, but modest dress” as well. In these instances follow these guidelines:

- Students may wear modest and appropriate jeans, shorts, and T- shirts to sports events unless announced otherwise. No skinny jeans or leggings are allowed.
- Shorts worn on Seton property or to any Seton activity must be below fingertip length.
- All shirts must have sleeves at games – both spectators and players – except approved official sleeveless sports uniform shirts.
- Sneakers are appropriate.
- Unacceptable – tight clothing of any type, bare midriffs, low cut tops or clothing with inappropriate words, symbols, or pictures.

Sports and Play Practice Clothing

Clothing worn to practices must meet the same standards of modesty as the Casual Dress Code. It should not be too short or too tight. Open-sided shirts, also known as muscle shirts, and tank tops are not allowed. When traveling to games, players must follow these guidelines.