

Divine Redeemer School Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy

Philosophy and Purpose

Divine Redeemer School believes that a student's appearance reflects their attitude toward learning and community. Our uniform policy fosters a focused academic environment, promotes equality among students, and honors Catholic values of modesty, neatness, and respect. Students are expected to wear the official school uniform daily unless a special dress-down day is announced.

General Appearance Standards

- ✓ **Neatness:** Clothing must be clean, pressed, and in good repair (no stains, holes, tears, or frayed hems).
- ✓ **Fit:** Uniforms must fit appropriately. Oversized, baggy, or excessively tight clothing is prohibited.
- ✓ **Modesty:** All clothing choices must reflect Christian modesty and decorum.
- ✓ **Grooming:** Hair must be clean, neat, and kept in its natural color. Boys' hair must be cut above the collar and eyebrows (no mohawks). Hair accessories for girls must be simple and match school colors (no glitter or hair tinsel).

Boys' Uniform Requirements (K – 6th Grade)

- ✓ **Pants:** Classic, tailored khaki or navy dress pants (cotton or twill fabric). Cargo pants, joggers, or denim-style pockets are not allowed. Pants must be worn at the waist.
- ✓ **Warm Weather Option:** Classic, tailored khaki or navy uniform shorts may be worn during warm weather months (August-October and April-June). Shorts must be loose-fitting and sit just above the knee.
- ✓ **Shirts:** Solid red or navy polo-style shirts with a collar. Shirts may be short-sleeved or long-sleeved. All shirts must be tucked securely into pants or shorts at all times.
- ✓ **Belts:** Solid black or brown leather belts must be worn by students in grades 3 through 6.
- ✓ **Shoes:** Dress shoes in black, brown, or navy or solid sneakers in black, grey, navy or white with non-marking soles (no neon, bright, or multicolored shoes)
- ✓ **Socks:** Solid black, white, or navy crew socks. Socks must be visible above the shoe line.

Girls' Uniform Requirements (K – 6th Grade)

- ✓ **Skirts/Skorts:** Khaki or navy uniform skirts or skorts. Hemlines must sit at or below the kneecap when standing.
- ✓ **Pants:** Classic, tailored khaki or navy dress pants may be worn as an alternative to skirts. Leggings, jeggings, and tight-fitting trousers are strictly prohibited.
- ✓ **Warm Weather Option:** Classic, tailored khaki or navy uniform shorts, skorts, or capris may be worn during warm weather months (August-October and April-June). Shorts must be loose-fitting and sit just above the knee.
- ✓ **Shirts:** Solid red or navy polo-style shirts with a collar. Shirts may be short-sleeved or long-sleeved and must remain tucked in.
- ✓ **Shoes:** Dress shoes in black, brown, or navy (no raised heels, wedges, open toes, or shoes without backs) or solid sneakers in black, grey, navy or white with non-marking soles (no neon, bright, or multicolored shoes). Boots may be worn November – March.
- ✓ **Socks/Tights:** Solid white or navy knee-high socks or opaque tights. No fishnets or patterns.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform (All Students)

On designated physical education days, students may wear their PE uniform to school for the entire day.

- ✓ **T-shirts:** Plain, loose-fitting cotton t-shirts in solid grey, navy or official Divine Redeemer Spiritwear.
- ✓ **Shorts:** Solid navy athletic shorts. Shorts must be loose-fitting with a minimum 6-inch inseam. Spandex or tight biker shorts are prohibited (e.g. Lululemon).
- ✓ **Sweatpants:** Solid navy sweatpants or loose-fitting jogging pants. Leggings are not permitted.
- ✓ **Footwear:** Supportive athletic sneakers with non-marking soles and white athletic socks.

Dress-Down and Out-of-Uniform Days

On special occasions or fundraising days, students may be permitted to dress out of uniform. Christian modesty remains the guiding principle.

- ✓ **Permitted Attire:** Clean jeans without holes or rips, casual pants, and standard t-shirts or sweatshirts free of inappropriate language, political statements, or graphics.
- ✓ **Prohibited Attire:** Tank tops, spaghetti straps, crop tops exposing the midriff, pajamas, sweatpants (outside of PE days), and tight leggings.
- ✓ **Footwear:** Normal school footwear regulations apply. No open-toed shoes, heels, sandals, Crocs, shoes without backs, or slippers.

Procurement and Purchasing

- ✓ **Official Vendor:** To ensure color consistency and quality compliance, all logo apparel should be purchased directly through approved vendors (700 Shop & Gross Embroidery). There will be a Spiritwear sale at the beginning of the year where you can purchase embroidered and screen-printed apparel.
- ✓ **General Items:** Standard khaki or navy pants, shorts, belts, and socks may be purchased elsewhere, provided they strictly meet the style, color, and fit requirements outlined in this policy.

Cold Weather Outerwear

- ✓ **Sweaters:** Solid navy, red, or white cardigans may be worn over the uniform polo shirt in the classroom.
- ✓ **Sweatshirts:** Official Divine Redeemer School Spiritwear crewneck sweatshirts or solid crewneck sweatshirts in school colors are acceptable. Hoodies are not permitted inside the school building.
- ✓ **Jackets:** Heavy winter coats, windbreakers, and rainwear must be left in lockers or cubbies during the school day.

Jewelry and Accessories

- ✓ **Jewelry:** Kept to a functional minimum. Students may wear a modest wristwatch and a single religious medal or crucifix on a thin chain under their shirt.
- ✓ **Earrings:** Girls may wear one pair of small, matching metal studs in the earlobes. Dangling or hoop earrings are prohibited for safety. Boys may not wear earrings.
- ✓ **Makeup:** Cosmetics, artificial nails, nail extensions, and colored nail polish are strictly forbidden for all grade levels.

Enforcement and Compliance

The administration and faculty of Divine Redeemer School reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of any student's grooming or attire. Parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothing to school if a student is out of compliance. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the student handbook.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and fully understand the guidelines set forth in this document. I agree to comply with and follow all policies, rules, and expectations outlined herein during my enrollment with Divine Redeemer School.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Name _____

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