

# KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## DRESS CODE

### DRESS AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

#### Philosophy

In accordance with our school mission statement, we expect students to have high standards of personal appearance. In partnership with our families, we want to enable students to make sound decisions in a healthy academic environment and to promote the following values by means of clean, modest, and respectful dress and appearance: self-esteem, positive motivation and sensitivity to others.

#### Policy

Clothing and hair are to be professional, in good taste, and not offensive or distracting. Clothing is to be neat and clean. Dress code rules apply during school hours, on campus, on any school day, in or out of the building.

#### Guidelines

Clothing is to be free of holes, tears or frays. Dress code applies from enrollment day to the final student day of the school year. Dress code on Mass Day is Sunday best.

### DRESS CODE STANDARDS

#### Dress Code

Dress and appearance should always reflect neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste. Clothing may not refer to alcohol, alcohol-related establishments, tobacco, drugs, anti-religious messages, sexual innuendo or violent images. In all dress code violations, the Campus Life Office will determine whether student attire adheres to Kennedy Catholic's dress code policy.

#### Accessories

Hats, hoods, bandanas, or any head covering accessory may not be worn in the building or on campus during school hours, nor should they be carried between classes. Such items are subject to confiscation. Head coverings for religious reasons are permitted and not subject to discipline.

#### Boys' Pants and Shorts

All pants and shorts are to be worn at the natural waist. Holes, tears or fraying are not permitted. Athletic wear, including sweats and athletic shorts are not permitted. Team issued athletic wear is permissible on game days.

#### Dresses and Tops

Sleeveless dresses and tops must be accompanied by permitted clothing that covers shoulders. Tube skirts, tube tops, crop tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops are prohibited. Clothing should fully cover undergarments and midsection. Dresses and skirts are to be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee; neckline is to be no lower than 2 inches from the top of the collarbone.

#### Piercing and Makeup

Distracting makeup is not permitted. Branding and body piercing is not permitted. Piercing of anything other than ear lobes is not allowed.

#### Girls' Pants and Shorts

Girls' pants and shorts are to be in good condition, hemmed, and without holes, tears or fraying. Shorts must be dressy in nature with an inseam of at least 5 inches. Any pants or shorts that look like warm-ups and sweats are unacceptable. Holes in pants are not permitted. Yoga pants, leggings, and athletic wear are not permitted. Team issued athletic wear is permissible on game days.

#### Hair

Hair color must be of a natural hue. Distracting and unkempt hairstyles are not permitted. Facial hair is permitted but must be well groomed.

#### Liturgical Dress

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to dress formally for liturgy as a sign of reverence.