

Dress Code

McQuaid Jesuit seeks to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to the highest quality of learning. To maintain structures for students that will help their growth in maturity, personal responsibility, and self-discipline, McQuaid Jesuit institutes a dress code policy. McQuaid Jesuit students are called to live the mission of the school which includes a dress code. A student's dress and appearance impact the atmosphere and culture of the school. In addition to creating a sense of community on campus, the dress code aims to limit distractions from learning. The school believes that appropriate dress and appearance set the tone for learning and reflect respect for oneself and for the school community.

The basic elements of the dress code are listed below:

- Standard dress code for all students will be a sport coat, collared dress shirt, tie, dress pants, belt, socks, and dress shoes
- Any student who has earned a McQuaid Jesuit letter sweater will be allowed to wear the letter sweater in lieu of a sport coat
- For students in grades 6-11, sweaters, vests, and ¼ zips will not be allowed under the sport coat.
- 12th grade students will receive a McQuaid Jesuit ¼ zip that will be allowed in lieu of a sport coat.
- Each sport and club will be allowed two "Dress Days" when members of the team/club will be permitted to wear the same team/club jersey or shirt. Team/club captains or leaders must request a "Dress Day" by completing a "Dress Day Form" in the Dean of Students Office at least three days prior to the "Dress Day."

Students are to arrive to and depart from McQuaid Jesuit wearing dress pants, collared shirt, and a belt. Dress shoes, ties, and sport coats may be left in lockers during non-school hours. Students out of compliance with the stated dress code are subject to JUG.

All clothing must be clean, well kept, properly fitted and properly worn. Technical fulfillment of the dress code is unacceptable. Determination of "sloppy" appearance is at the discretion of the Dean of Students. Students outside of the building during the school day will remain in dress code for any school-affiliated event unless given permission for alternate dress by the Dean of Students or the supervising teacher.

No apparel may be worn that has any inappropriate or derogatory words, symbols, or images. No apparel may be worn that has political statements or affiliation. If a student has a tattoo, it must be fully covered during the school day and during any time the student is representing the school in either an official or unofficial capacity. A student with a visible tattoo during any of the above-mentioned times may be sent home and subject to disciplinary consequences. Hats are not to be worn in the building.

All dress code interpretations/decisions are at the discretion of the Dean of Students

	Appropriate	Inappropriate
Tie	Dress necktie or bowtie, worn at the top of the shirt collar	String tie (bolo) or ties with inappropriate sayings or logos
Sport coat	Suit coat, blazer, or sport coat	Everything else
Shirt	Business-type shirt designed to be worn with a tie. Shirts should be solid colored, have thin vertical stripes, or be thin checked. Shirts may be long or short sleeved. The shirts should be fully tucked in at the waist and all buttons should be fastened.	Sport shirts, golf shirts, Hawaiian shirts, flannel shirts, plaid shirts, knit shirts, denim shirts, rugby shirts
Pants	Plain colored dress pants, casual wear pants (e.g. Dockers). Pants should be accompanied by a dress style belt.	Jeans, painter pants, corduroy pants, camouflage pants, “skinny” tight fitting pants, excessively baggy pants, pants that are ripped or frayed, pants not meant to be worn with a belt
Shoes	Traditional dress shoes or “medium” dress shoes (Bass, Dexter, Rockport, etc.)	Sneakers, work shoes, boat shoes, “Hey Dudes”, “Uggs”, “Crocs”, sandals, slippers, hiking shoes, work boots, slip-ons, athletic shoes
Sweaters/vests / 1/4 zips	Any student who has earned a McQuaid Jesuit letter sweater will be allowed to wear a letter sweater in lieu of a sport coat	Students in grades 6-11 will not be allowed to wear a sweater, vest, or ¼ zip under the sport coat
Jewelry and Misc.	Traditional analog and digital watches, rings, plain bracelets, a Cross. Only lapel pins or buttons that are McQuaid Jesuit specific and have been issued by McQuaid Jesuit.	Wearable tech watches (e.g. Apple Watch, Fitbit, Samsung Galaxy, etc.), neck chains/beads, earrings, spiked or studded bracelets/belts, nail polish, make-up, ear buds, headphones

Team/Club Dress Days

During each athletic season or school activity, a team/club/activity may request two “Dress Days” to promote spirit and attendance at a game or event. Captains/leaders must request a “Dress Day” by completing a “Dress Day Form” in the Dean of Students Office at least three days prior to the “Dress Day.” On the approved date, all team/club members must wear the same team/club jersey or shirt.

Letter sweaters

Students in all grades who have earned a McQuaid Jesuit letter (e.g. from a varsity sport, academic letter) may purchase a McQuaid Jesuit letter sweater from the bookstore. The sweater may be worn in lieu of a sport coat. Students may purchase the varsity letter sweater only after obtaining and completing a permission slip from the Dean of Students’ Office. Letter sweaters will not be allowed at the Mass of the Holy Spirit and the Advent Liturgy.