

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE STANDARDS (10-11)

1. Reference: Saint Thomas Academy Regulations 670-1 and 600-50.
Handouts
www.cadets.com (Go to military link and 1SG Hanson Class Materials)

2. Appearance (General): Saint Thomas Academy is a Military Institute, which means cadets are in uniform daily; therefore, a neat, well - groomed appearance of cadets is fundamental to the Academy and contributes to building the pride and esprit essential to an effective program. A vital ingredient of the Academy's strength and effectiveness is pride and self-discipline. It is the responsibility of commanders to ensure that cadets under their command present a neat and cadet like appearance, and it is the duty of each cadet to take pride in his appearance at all times. All appearance standards concerning haircut, shave, jewelry, etc., still apply at all school days and night sponsored events, regardless of the attire worn. Clean, pressed, proper fitting clothes with shined shoes are the standard. Only plain white t-shirts with crew neck are authorized when in uniform.

a. Regulation Haircut: The hair will present a neat, combed appearance at all times: length, bulk, or style will not be garish, excessive, or present a ragged, unkept, or extreme appearance. Hair will be tapered in the back and sides and not touch the ears, eyebrows, or collar of the shirt. Hair on both sides of the head when combed straight down will not touch the ears. The style, bulk or length of hair will not interfere with proper wear of the cadet service hat. Hair will not be bleached or dyed. Wigs or hairpieces are prohibited.

b. Sideburns: Sideburns will be neatly trimmed. The base will not be flared and have a clean-shaven horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening.

c. Shaves: The face will be clean-shaven: no mustaches, goatees, or beards are permitted. If appropriate; medical authority prescribes a beard growth, the length required for medical treatment will also be specified; for example, "A neatly trimmed beard is authorized, the length will not exceed 1/4 inch." Cadets must bring a written statement from the medical authority, describing the medical need to the Commandant of Cadets who is the final authority and will issue a uniform pass.

- d. Fingernails: Fingernails will be kept clean and neatly trimmed.
- e. Jewelry: Decorative jewelry, bracelets, pocket watch or key chains, earrings, neck chains, medals, pins, buttons, and flowers are not authorized for wear with the uniform. Wrist watches, class rings, and POW/MIA bracelets are allowed. Winter Carnival and Homecoming buttons may be worn during specified timeframes with the approval of the Commandant of Cadets.
- f. While in uniform, cadets will not place hands in their pockets except momentarily to place or retrieve objects.
- g. Hats and coats will not be worn indoors unless prescribed by the training schedule (Check the Leadership Bulletin Broad daily).

3. Uniforms:

a. General: Cadets must be in the prescribed complete uniform or have a uniform pass from a LET instructor. Students not wearing the prescribed uniform (except no uniform days) must report to their LET instructor in the leadership office, with a valid note from their parent or guardian, at least 5 minutes before the first class bell or as soon as they come to school, do not go to your classroom without a uniform pass. If you do, you will be sent to the Leadership office to get a Uniform/civilian Clothes Pass (STAMD form 600-50).

b. Classes of Uniform: The following types of uniforms are authorized for wear:

1). Class **A** Composition: The Class A uniform is composed of the STA blue blouse coat, gray trousers, blue belt w/buckle, white shirt, black necktie or bow tie (after Retreat. 5 PM), black shoes, black socks, nameplate, white (Crew neck Style) undershirt, all insignia, awards, and decorations authorized. (White gloves, if specified) White Tuxedo shirts may be worn at Black Tie events.

2). Class **A1** Composition: The Class A1 uniform is composed of the STA blue blouse coat, white trousers, blue belt w/buckle, white shirt, black necktie or bow tie (after retreat, 5 PM), black shoes, black socks, nameplate, white (crew neck style) undershirt, all insignia, awards, and decorations authorized. (White gloves, if specified) White Tuxedo shirts may be worn at Black Tie events.

3). Class **B** Composition: The Class B Uniform is composed of the blue shirt, black tie, gray trousers, blue belt w/buckle, black shoes, black socks, white (crew neck style) undershirt, name plate, Insignia of unit, insignia of LET level and insignia of rank.

4). **Class B1 Composition:** The Class B1 Uniform is composed of the blue shirt, gray trousers, blue belt w/buckle, black shoes, black socks, white (crew neck style) undershirt, name plate, Insignia of unit, insignia of LET level and insignia of rank. No necktie, the collar is open (one button), and the sleeves are neatly folded to a height just above the elbow with a 2 1/2 inch cuff.

5). **Black or Letter Jackets:** Whether on or off campus the Black or Letter Jackets are the only jackets authorized for wear with the uniform. Both jackets are authorized with civilian cloth.

c. **Civilian Clothing:**

1). **CADETS WILL NOT MIX THE UNIFORM AND CIVILIAN CLOTHING.** (All appearance standards concerning haircut, shave, jewelry, etc., still apply).

2). Cadets not wearing the prescribed uniform (except no uniform days) must report to their LET instructor in the leadership office, with a valid note from their parent or guardian, at least 5 minutes before the first class bell or as soon as they come to school, do not go to your classroom without a uniform pass if you do you will be sent to the Leadership office to get one. Cadets not being in the prescribed uniform, not having a valid note from their parent or guardian, not in proper civilian attire or not coming in at least 5 minutes before the first class bell will be penalized.

3). **Proper civilian attire:** A cadet in proper civilian attire must wear a dress shirt the same style as the uniform (not a knit, sport, or polo shirt (if in doubt, wear a white shirt with collar), tie (not uniform), dress slacks the same style as the uniform (no jeans or cargo pants), dress shoes, coat and other items appropriate to the weather. Short sleeve civilian shirts with collar and no tie may be worn when the Class B1 uniform is authorized.

4). **Casual Civilian Attire:** The Campus Ministry Program sponsors an out-of-uniform days during the school year. On these days cadets may wear clothing of their choice. No alcoholic, smoking, lewd slogans, or advertising is allowed on shirts. Athletic shoes may be worn on these days. Caps are not to be worn in the building.