

## **DRESS CODE**

As a Christian school, we desire our families and overall ministry to reflect “Christ-likeness.” SCA seeks to encourage its students to think and act like Christian ladies and gentlemen. The dress code serves as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the student. In general, students wear plain, solid color, nondescript (no logos) traditional school uniforms in the colors designated. These guidelines are **minimum** standards and are to be used to help parents and students select clothing for school. **Modesty and neatness are used as the key measurements for our dress code. The administration has the discretion to determine the “modesty & neatness” of clothing and if it fits within the standards set.**

Dress will:

- Honor and glorify the Lord
- Reflect modesty
- Reflect neatness and cleanliness
- Not be a distraction to the learning environment
- Not be a stumbling block for others

### **General Guidelines:**

1. Students are expected to dress according to uniform/dress code from the time they arrive on campus for school until they leave the campus for the day.
2. All garments must be modest, neat and clean (no frays, holes, stains...).
3. All garments are to have a traditional fit. Oversize, tight or short styles are not permitted. Pants are to be worn at the waist (No sagging, wear a belt if needed), may be snap, button or elastic waist.
4. Skirt/dress length is to be knee length or longer. Slits are acceptable in a straight skirt from the bottom of the hem/skirt up to the knee for walking ease. Consideration should be given to the growth of your child. Parents may want to choose garments with at least a 2-inch hem for alterations, to comply with the knee length policy. Please check the skirt front and back to make sure it hits the knee appropriately. Plaids must coordinate with uniform colors.
5. All shirts are to be appropriately buttoned (all front buttons except the top one).
6. Tops must completely cover the midriff even when arms are raised.
7. On Jean Days, blue or black denim jeans or blue or black denim knee length jean shorts or skirts are permitted (no jeggings). These items must still comply with the general guidelines. SCA sweatpants and SCA shorts may be worn on Jean and Gym Days.
8. Visible tattoos and body piercing (except for girl’s earrings) are not allowed. Boys are not to wear earrings at school.
9. Logos, slogans, letters or any designs are not permitted on any clothing item. The only exception is for school logo items ordered through SCA and worn on school selected days.
10. Hairstyles are to be neat, clean, moderate, combed and in good taste. Unnatural hair colors are not permitted.
11. Minimal accessories are allowable and should be conservative, in good taste and not distracting.
12. Hats, head coverings, etc. must be removed in the building unless exempted by Administration.
13. Coats, hats and other outer apparel may be worn to and from school, but hung in the classroom during the school day. Students are permitted to wear hoodies and jackets purchased through SCA in the classroom.
14. Alterations made to uniform items for purposes other than ensuring a traditional fit may disqualify that item from compliance with the uniform dress code.
15. The principal/administration will have the final decision concerning any questionable clothing worn by a student. The principal/administration reserves the right to require any student dressed unacceptably to change clothing before attending classes.
16. *Uniform items can be purchased from any store, catalog, school supply company such as J.C. Penney, Lands’ End, frenchtoast.com, educationalapparel.com, etc., as long as it meets the SCA Uniform Dress Code.*
17. Dress Code violations will be dealt with in the following manner:

**Dress Code Violations (within a grading quarter):**

**First** - issuance of a dress code concern form.

**Second** - issuance of a dress code concern form and verbal warning.

**Third** - issuance of dress code concern form and Discipline Report.

**Fourth** - issuance of dress code concern form, assigned Detention and a fee assessed.

Dress code issues exceeding this are dealt with in increasing severity.

**School Day Standard Dress:**

**BOYS**

- Slacks: Solid color (navy, khaki, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), cotton/polyester twill, flat or pleated, pants should be docked or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material.
- Walking Shorts: Solid color (navy, khaki, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), cotton/polyester twill, flat or pleated, docked or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material. Length of shorts should touch the top of the knee or below. **Shorts are not permitted on chapel day.**
- Oxford Shirts: Solid color (white or light blue), plain (no designs or embellishments), button down collar, long or short sleeved.
- Knit or Dry Fit Moisture-Wicking Polo Shirts: Solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy), plain (no designs or embellishments), long/short sleeve. Shirt length cannot be longer than finger tips.
- Mock/Turtle Neck: Solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy), plain (no designs or embellishments), long sleeved only.
- Sweaters: Solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy), plain (no designs or embellishments), button zipper/cardigan, pullover, crew or V-neck, or vest type. All sweaters should be waist length.
- Sweatshirts: SCA branded only. **Sweatshirts are not permitted on chapel day.**
- Socks: Required, except with sandals.
- Shoes: Athletic shoes, dress shoes, or sandals with both an ankle and arch strap.
- Light Weight Jacket: Solid color (red, white, light blue, navy, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), neat fitting.

**GIRLS**

- Skirt/Skort: Solid color (navy, khaki, or black), plaid (plaid must coordinate with uniform colors), plain (no designs or embellishments), flat or pleated, cotton/polyester twill. Skirts and skorts should touch the top of the knee or below. Modesty shorts with skirts should be considered for playground activities.
- Jumpers/Dress: Solid color (navy, khaki, or black), plaid (plaid must coordinate with uniform colors), plain (no designs or embellishments), flat or pleated, cotton/polyester twill or polo shirt fabric. Jumpers and dresses should touch the top of the knee or below. Modesty shorts with dresses should be considered for playground activities.
- Tights/Hoses: Solid color (navy, white, red, black, or nude), plain (no designs or embellishments).

Leggings:	Solid color (navy, white, red, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), worn to mid calf or ankle.
Slacks:	Solid color (navy, khaki, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), cotton/polyester twill, flat or pleated, pants should be docker or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material.
Walking Shorts/ Capri's:	Solid color (navy, khaki, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), cotton/polyester twill, flat or pleated, docker or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material. Length of shorts should touch the top of the knee or below. <b><u>Shorts are not permitted on chapel day.</u></b>
Oxford Shirts/ Peter Pan collar:	Solid color (white or light blue), plain (no designs or embellishments), button down collar, long or short sleeved, or white Peter Pan collared shirt.
Knit or Dry Fit Moisture-Wicking Polo Shirts:	Solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy), plain (no designs or embellishments), long/short sleeve. Shirt length cannot be longer than finger tips.
Mock/Turtle Neck:	Solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy), plain (no designs or embellishments), long sleeved only.
Sweaters:	Solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy), plain (no designs or embellishments), button zipper/cardigan, pullover, crew or V-neck, or vest type. All sweaters should be waist length.
Sweatshirts:	SCA branded only. <b><u>Sweatshirts are not permitted in chapel services.</u></b>
Socks:	Required, except with sandals.
Shoes:	Athletic shoes, dress shoes, or sandals with both an ankle and arch strap.
Light Weight Jacket:	Solid color (red, white, light blue, navy, or black), plain (no designs or embellishments), neat fitting.

**Special Day Dress Code:**

Special alternate dress days will be scheduled. Dress standards will be established by the building principal. These should be in writing and communicated in advance so parents can be informed and students can be appropriately dressed. The expectation of traditional fit, modesty and neatness will be expected.