

UNIFORM POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

SCA appreciates the conscious effort of parents in keeping the dress code from becoming a major issue. SCA acknowledges that the dress code is institutional preference. However, it is not optional. Students are expected to abide by the code, and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home. It is inappropriate that other students, teachers, or principals be detracted from the educational process because someone failed to fulfill his or her commitment to follow the dress code. Commitment to the dress code is implied when registering your children at SCA and by signing the *Family Covenant* that is required for registration.

Special Note to our Parents - Parents are asked to also dress in a manner respectful of the guidelines set forth for students. When attending school functions such as field trips, sporting events, volunteering, coming inside to pick up students, visiting the classroom, etc., dress should be modest and reflect a positive example for students.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- There is no prescribed uniform for preschool students (K3 & K4); however, parents should conform to the spirit of this policy. The guidelines are applicable to all dress at SCA, regardless of the uniform being worn.
- Students will grow during the year; therefore items which are too short or too tight must be replaced.
- No alterations that would alter the appearance of the garment or render it immodest are allowed.
- Athletes and cheerleaders should consult their coaches for appropriate wear on spirit and game days.
- All logo items may only be purchased from listed vendors.

DRESS AT SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS

Although a uniform is usually not required for athletic or social events conducted after school hours, students are expected to dress in a manner that is proper, modest, and neat. Clothing should not be TOO of anything: not too low, too high, too tight, too loose, or too transparent. Students must remember that they are representing their families, their school, and their Savior. Wear only what would constitute a positive, wholesome, Christian witness. Obviously, it is also important for parents and teachers to follow these guidelines.

PURCHASING INFORMATION

All SCA uniform items with a logo must be purchased from Lands End or Educational Outfitters, with the exception of the SCA t-shirts which are purchased in the SCA office. Other items such as pants, shorts, skirts, etc. can be purchased from the vendor of your choice.

Lands End continues to be a quality mail order source and standard for some of our uniform items. Purchases can be made by internet, www.landsend.com, by phone (1-800-469-2222), or by catalogs available in the SCA office for mail order. SCA will receive 2% of all SCA gross sales. For ordering purposes, the following information is needed: Preferred School # is 9000-4089-0; The Logo # is 9918225.

Educational Outfitters stocks many of our uniform items. Their offerings are of excellent quality and are available at reasonable costs. Purchase by mail order or internet is available, but parents can visit the easily accessible store on Woodruff Road to make the purchases after on-site fittings. Alterations and logo embroidery is also done on-site, but a few days will be required for this service. For shopping on the Internet, the SCA school # is SC0213. SCA will receive 3% of all SCA gross sales. Educational Outfitters is located at 1451 Woodruff Road, Suite B, Greenville; Phone: 1-888-627-0784.

POLICY REVIEW

The SCA Uniform policy is reviewed annually. Comments and recommendations for consideration are welcome and should be made in writing and given to the Administrative Assistant for inclusion in the committee's agenda.

GRADES K-12 DRESS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Required Dress Uniform - must be purchased before school begins and available throughout the year to be worn on first day of school, every Thursday, and other days as announced by Administration.

K-6

Girls:

-Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve)

-Khaki pants, shorts, or skirt

Boys :

-Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve)

-Khaki pants or shorts

No flip flops allowed on dress uniform day; shirt must be tucked in; hooded sweatshirts may not be worn on dress uniform days.

7-12

Girls:

-Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve)

-Khaki pants or skirt

Boys :

-Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve)

-Khaki pants

No flip flops allowed on dress uniform day; shirt must be tucked in; hooded sweatshirts may not be worn on dress uniform days.

GRADES K-8 DAILY UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Daily Uniform – any combination of items below can be worn on regular school days, but not all of the items are required for purchase.

SHIRTS with Logo approved for purchase from Lands End or Educational Outfitters

Navy, Red or White Interlock or Mesh Polo (short or long sleeve)

Navy or Red V-Neck Sweater Vest, Crewneck or V-Neck Sweater

Grade K-6 only: White Peter Pan Blouse

SCA T-Shirts with Logo purchased from SCA office

Navy, Red, or White short or long sleeve T-shirt

Navy or Red Sweatshirt

- White crewneck, turtleneck or collared shirt may be worn with V-neck sweater or vest
- On Friday, SCA issued t-shirts such as Field Day, Barrier Island, SCAAA Warrior Wear, etc. may be worn
- All shirts must be neatly tucked in and remain tucked at all times
- Grades 5-8 only may wear church issued t-shirts and t-shirts with a Christian message on Fridays

PANTS

- Color: solid khaki or solid navy blue; corduroy is permissible
- Cargo and carpenter style pants are permissible
- Must be loose fitting and fit at the waist with a belt; have no ornamentation
- Must not drag the ground, be rolled up, have holes, be cut in any manner, or have frayed hem
- Must not be too short, tight, baggy, sagging, ripped, excessively flared, wide leg skate style, hip hugger style, no form fitting or spandex
- Grades K-2 may wear elastic-waist pants without a belt
- Grades 5-8 girls may wear capri length pants in solid khaki, solid navy, solid black, or jeans

JEANS

- Must be basic blue denim, loose fitting, 5-pocket style (back pockets required), fit at the waist with a belt
- Must not be extremely faded or look completely worn, striped, colored, or have ornamentation
- Cargo, carpenter and boot cut is permissible
- Must follow same fit guidelines as pants
- Grades K-2 may wear elastic-waist

SHORTS

- Color: solid khaki or solid navy blue; no jean shorts
- Cargo and carpenter style shorts are permissible
- Must follow same fit guidelines as pants and fit at the waist with a belt
- Length: 1-3 inches above the middle of the kneecap
- Grades K-2 may wear elastic-waist

SKORT/SKIRT

- Color: solid khaki or solid navy blue
- Should follow same fit guidelines as pants
- Navy blue or khaki jumper is permissible
- The plaid skirt or jumper from Lands End in red/classic navy is permissible
- No jean skorts/skirts for Grades K-4, but is permissible for Grades 5-8
- Length: 1-3 inches above the middle of the kneecap

BELTS

- Grades K-4: belts must be brown braided; purchased at any vendor; Grades K-2 not required to wear a belt
- Grades 5-8: belts are required, can be any color or brown braided; no wider than 2 inches; no large belt buckles, belts can not hang down; purchased at any vendor
- Belts are not required for capris that do not have belt loops

SHOES

- No cowboy boots, heellies, platform shoes, army style combat boots, big sole shoes with high heels
- Tennis shoes must be worn for PE days
- Grades K-4 must wear shoes with a back (a back strap is acceptable)
- Grades 5-8 may wear flip flops

PE UNIFORM – required for Grades 7-12; PE shorts or sweatpants and a shirt must be purchased at SCA office

HATS AND BANDANAS – are not permissible except on special days as announced by Administration.

JACKETS – A solid colored, lightweight jacket, fleece, wind coat, sweater, or non-school issued hoodie that zips or buttons up with writing, logos, or graphics no larger than a credit card may be worn while in the classroom. All logos and writing must be appropriate as determined by Administration; no sleeveless vests; students may wear a coat of their choice for outside wear

HAIR – avoid extreme hair styles; must be well groomed and styled in a manner that will not cause a distraction either in the classroom or in public; unusual cuts or coloring, and flashy jewelry worn as hair ornaments are inappropriate; boys' hair must be cut above the collar of a collared shirt, above the eyebrows, no longer than midway on the ear.

JEWELRY – girls may wear no more than two earrings in each ear; boys may not wear earrings; no body piercing, offensive or anti-Christian jewelry

SPECIAL EVENTS – girls may be required to wear a skirt, and boys may be required to wear khaki pants and a tie for events such as Spelling Bee, Math Olympics, etc.

GRADES 9-12 DAILY DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Daily Uniform – to be worn on days other than required dress uniform days

Guidelines for Young Ladies

SHIRTS

- Girls must wear a crew neck shirt under all shirts (except for dress uniform polo or other three button polos with only top button undone) or a loose-fitting crew neck shirt can be worn singularly
- Shirts may have writing, logos, or graphics no larger than a credit card, except for the following shirts which may have writing, logos, or graphics larger than a credit card: SCA, college, and Christian t-shirts and sweatshirts. All logos and writing must be appropriate as determined by Administration.
- No spaghetti straps, halter top shirts, or tank tops may be worn without a crew neck shirt underneath
- If a shirt is not designed to tuck in, it must be of such length that, if worn un-tucked, the student's midriff will not be exposed while kneeling, sitting, reaching upward, etc.
- No spandex, form-fitting, or sheer materials

PANTS/JEANS/CAPRIS/SHORTS/SKORTS

- Pants must be loose fitting and fit properly; must not drag the ground, be rolled up, be cut in any manner, have excessively frayed hem; should not be too tight, baggy, sagging, ripped, excessively flared, wide leg skate style, form-fitting, spandex, or worn in a way that exposes undergarments
- Jean pants/capris are permissible, but should have back pockets
- Shorts/skorts should follow the same fit guidelines as pants but be no shorter than the top of the knee
- Bermuda shorts are acceptable (no jean material)
- No jean shorts/skorts
- No spandex, form-fitting, or sheer materials

DRESSES/SKIRTS

- Dresses with sleeves and skirts can be worn if they are no shorter than the top of the knee
- Dresses should fit loose across the chest and the neckline should be crew neck or a crew neck shirt should be worn underneath
- Slits must be no higher than the top of the knee
- No spandex, form-fitting, or sheer materials

SHOES

- No cowboy or army style boots, platform shoes, big sole shoes with high heels
- Heels should be no more than 2 inches
- Tennis shoes must be worn for PE

JACKETS/COATS

- A solid colored, lightweight jacket, fleece, wind coat, sweater, or non-school issued hoodie that zips or buttons up with writing, logos, or graphics no larger than a credit card may be worn while in the classroom. All logos and writing must be appropriate as determined by Administration.
- No sleeveless vests
- Students may wear a coat of their choice for outside wear

PE UNIFORM

- PE uniform purchased at the SCA office is required for all PE and PES classes for Grades 7-12

HAIR

- Avoid extreme hair styles; hair should be well groomed and styled in a manner that will not cause a distraction in the classroom or in public
- No unusual cuts or coloring

MISCELLANEOUS

- Hats and bandanas are not permissible except on school approved days as announced
- No more than two earrings allowed in each ear
- No body piercing
- No offensive or anti-Christian jewelry
- Make-up should be conservative and not excessive

Guidelines for Young Men

SHIRTS

- All shirts must be collared or crew neck, with sleeves
- Shirts may have writing, logos, or graphics no larger than a credit card, except for the following shirts which may have writing, logos, or graphics larger than a credit card: SCA, college, and Christian t-shirts and sweatshirts. All logos and writing must be appropriate as determined by Administration.
- On dress uniform day, all shirts must consistently stay tucked in all around the waist throughout the day.

PANTS/JEANS/SHORTS

- Pants must be loose fitting and fit properly with a belt; must not drag the ground, be rolled up, be cut in any manner, have excessively frayed hem; should not be too tight, baggy, sagging, ripped, excessively flared, wide leg skate style, form-fitting, spandex, or worn in a way that exposes undergarments
- Jeans are permissible, but should have back pockets
- Shorts should follow the same fit guidelines as pants; no jean shorts

SHOES

- No cowboy boots, platform shoes, army style combat boots; tennis shoes must be worn for PE

JACKETS/COATS

- A solid colored, lightweight jacket, fleece, wind coat, sweater, or non-school issued hoodie that zips or buttons up with writing, logos, or graphics no larger than a credit card may be worn while in the building. All logos and writing must be appropriate as determined by Administration.

PE UNIFORM

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HAIR

- Avoid extreme hair styles; hair should be well groomed and styled in a manner that will not cause a distraction in the classroom or in public
- No unusual cuts or coloring
- Boys' hair must be cut above the collar of a collared shirt, above the eyebrows, and no longer than midway on the ear
- Facial hair is permitted for juniors and seniors in the form of a well-groomed goatee, beard, or moustache; freshman and sophomore boys should be clean shaven

MISCELLANEOUS

- Hats and bandanas are not permissible except on school approved days as announced
- May not wear earrings
- No body piercing
- No offensive or anti-Christian jewelry

UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Grades K-6

Any failure to follow the guidelines set forth will result in the following consequences:

- 1st violation: warning given requiring parent signature
- 2nd violation: a parent will be called for a change of clothes
- Excessive violations may result in administrative review

Grades 7-12

Any failure to follow the guidelines set forth will result in the following:

- 1st violation: referral to the principal
- 2nd violation: required to wear Violation T-shirt for the day
- 3rd violation: required to purchase and wear the Violation T-Shirt for the day (cost of \$5.00); serve detention (see Discipline section)
- 4th Violation: 1 day of ISS
- 5th Violation: Administrative review