

# 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 parents register their 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 a garment or render it immodest are allowed.
- Athletes and cheerleaders should consult their coaches for appropriate attire on spirit and game days.
- All logo items may only be purchased from listed vendors.
- Clothing may not contain any controversial words, graphics, or logos (i.e. skull and crossbones, etc.)

## 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 anything: not too low, too high, too tight, too loose, too transparent, etc. Students must remember that they are representing their Savior, their families, and their school and should wear only what would constitute a positive, wholesome, Christian witness. 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 from SCA. Other items such as pants, shorts, skirts, etc. may be purchased from the vendor of choice.

SCA t-shirts and PE uniforms may be purchased by completing and turning in an order form found under the Warrior Shop tab on SCA's website. Orders will be filled and sent home with the student. Samples are available at the front desk for sizing if needed. At the end of summer, parents may purchase items from the school office (It is recommended that parents call and make an appointment).

Lands' End continues to be a quality mail order source and standard for some of SCA's uniform items. Purchases may be made by internet, [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com), by phone (1-800-469-2222), or by catalogs available at the front desk for mail order. SCA will receive 2% of all SCA gross sales. For ordering purposes, the following information is needed: Preferred School # 9000-4089-0; Logo #9918225. A complete list of SCA approved items is available on the Lands' End website.

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, or parents may visit the easily accessible store located in Greenville. Alterations and logo embroidery are 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 30 Orchard Park Dr., Greenville; Phone: 1-864-627-0784.

## 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 Headmaster's Assistant for inclusion in the committee's agenda.

## **GRADES K-12 DRESS UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

**Required Dress Uniform** - must be purchased before school begins and 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) from Lands' End or Educational Outfitters
- Khaki pants, shorts, skirt or capris

#### **Boys:**

- Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Lands' End or Educational Outfitters
- Khaki pants or shorts

#### **Girls and Boys:**

- No flip flops allowed on dress uniform day; shirt must be tucked in; hooded sweatshirts may not be worn on dress uniform days.
- A solid colored white, red, or navy long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under short sleeve dress polos for warmth.

### **7-12**

#### **Girls:**

- Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Lands' End or Educational Outfitters
- Khaki pants or skirt

#### **Boys:**

- Navy Interlock or Mesh Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Lands' End or Educational Outfitters
- Khaki pants

#### **Girls and Boys:**

- No flip flops allowed on dress uniform day; shirt must be tucked in; hooded sweatshirts may not be worn on dress uniform days.
- A solid colored white, red, or navy long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under short sleeve dress polos for warmth.

## **GRADES K-8 DAILY UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

*Daily Uniform* – any combination of items below may be worn on regular school days, but not all of the items are required for purchase; complete list of SCA approved Lands' End items available on the Lands' End website

### **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, Red or Gray 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
- Church issued t-shirts and t-shirts with a Christian message may be worn on Fridays
- A solid colored white, red, or navy long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under short sleeve t-shirts for warmth
- All shirts must be neatly tucked in and remain tucked at all times

### **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
- Capri length pants in solid khaki, solid navy, or jeans are permissible

## **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/DRESS**

- Color: solid khaki, solid navy blue; no jean skorts or dresses (jean skirts are acceptable)
- Should follow same fit guidelines as pants
- Navy blue or khaki jumper is permissible
- Plaid skirt or jumper from Lands' End in red/classic navy is permissible
- Long and short-sleeve polo dress from Lands' End in red/classic navy is permissible
- Length: 1-3 inches above the middle of the kneecap

## **LEGGINGS**

- Leggings are permissible under skirts, skorts, and jumpers
- Leggings must be solid red, white, or navy
- Skirts, skorts, and jumpers worn with leggings must follow SCA uniform fit guidelines (see above)

## **BELTS**

- Grades K-2 not required to wear a belt
- Grades 3-8: belts are required, may be any color; no wider than 2 inches; no large belt buckles, belts may not hang down; purchased at any vendor
- Belts are not required for capris that do not have belt loops

## **SHOES**

- No cowboy boots (K-6<sup>th</sup>), heellies, platform shoes, army style combat boots, big sole shoes with high heels
- Tennis shoes must be worn on PE days
- Grades K-4 must wear shoes with a back (a back strap is acceptable)
- Grades K-4 may not wear flip flops
- Grades 5-8 may wear flip flops

**PE UNIFORM** – required for students enrolled in a PE or PES class in grades 7-8; PE shorts and a shirt must be purchased from SCA

**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, flashy jewelry worn as hair ornaments and other hair adornments (feathers, tinsel, etc.) 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 AND TATTOOS** – girls may wear no more than two earrings in each ear; boys may not wear earrings; no body piercing, offensive or anti-Christian jewelry; no visible tattoos allowed

**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 may 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
- No athletic shorts or pants

##### **DRESSES/SKIRTS**

- Dresses with sleeves and skirts may be worn if they are no shorter than the top of the knee
- Dresses should fit loosely 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**

- 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 from SCA is required for all PE and PES classes for Grades 9-12

##### **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
- Clothing may not contain any controversial words, graphics, or logos (i.e. skull and crossbones, etc.)
- No visible tattoos allowed

### **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, 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
- No athletic shorts or pants

#### **SHOES**

- 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**

- PE uniform purchased from SCA is required for all PE and PES classes for Grades 9-12

#### **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
- 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
- Clothing may not contain any controversial words, graphics, or logos (i.e. skull and crossbones, etc.)
- No visible tattoos allowed

### **UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Grades K-4**

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

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

#### **Grades 5-6**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> violation: warning given requiring parent signature
- 2<sup>nd</sup> violation: a parent will be called for change of clothes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> violation: serve detention (see Discipline section)

- 4<sup>th</sup> Violation: 1 day of ISS
- 5<sup>th</sup> Violation: Administrative review

**Grades 7-12**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> violation: referral to the Principal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> violation: required to wear Violation T-shirt for the day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> violation: serve detention (see Discipline section)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Violation: 1 day of ISS
- 5<sup>th</sup> Violation: Administrative review