

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 vendor.
- 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 Read's Uniforms, 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).

Read's Uniforms is a quality source and standard for some of SCA's uniform items. Purchases may be made by internet at shop.readsuniforms.net/Education with School Code: SCASC

Read's Uniforms flyers are available at the front office. A complete list of SCA approved items is available on Read's Uniforms website. Read's Uniforms will open a store late summer 2016 at Haywood Plaza, 30 Orchard Park, Greenville, SC 29615.

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.

UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Grades K-4

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 5-6

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 change of clothes
- 3rd violation: serve detention (see Discipline section)
- 4th Violation: 1 day of ISS
- 5th Violation: Administrative review

Grades 7-12

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

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

GRADES K-12 DRESS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Required Dress Uniform - must be purchased before school begins and be worn on first day of school, on chapel days, and other days as announced by Administration

K-6

Girls:

- Navy Interlock or Performance Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Read's Uniforms
- Khaki pants, shorts, skirt or capris

Boys:

- Navy Interlock or Performance Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Read's Uniforms
- 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. Dress uniform shirt must be visible by keeping jackets or cardigans unzipped or unbuttoned.
- 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 Performance Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Read's Uniforms
- Khaki pants or skirt

Boys:

- Navy Interlock or Performance Polo with Logo (long or short sleeve) from Read's Uniforms
- 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. Dress uniform shirt must be visible by keeping jackets or cardigans unzipped or unbuttoned.
- 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 Read's Uniforms items available on the Read's Uniforms website

SHIRTS with Logo approved for purchase from Read's Uniforms

- Navy, Red or White Interlock or Performance Polo (short or long sleeve)
- Navy or Red V-Neck Sweater Vest, Crewneck or V-Neck Sweater or fleece vest
- 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
- Girls Pleated Jumper from Read's Uniforms in navy blue or khaki is permissible
- Girls Jumper with Bow from Read's Uniforms in navy blue or khaki is permissible
- Girls Knit Dress with Ruffle from Read's Uniforms in navy blue 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-6th), 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 – 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. For 7th and 8th grade boys, haircut checks will be performed on the closest school day after the 1st and 16th of each month. Detention will be assigned if haircut is out of code. ISS will be assigned if there has been no haircut after a week of the haircut check.

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. Appropriateness should be determined in a “glance.” Therefore, words and detailed graphics should be kept to a minimum.

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
- Brands or logos on shirts are acceptable but must be limited to, at most, 3 words on the t-shirt. No questionable phrases, photos or scenes are acceptable. SCA t-shirts, college t-shirts, Christian t-shirts and sweatshirts are acceptable. 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 and length should be 1-3 inches above the middle of the knee cap while seated.
- Bermuda shorts are acceptable (no jean material)
- No jean shorts/skorts
- No spandex, form-fitting, or sheer materials
- No athletic shorts, athletic pants or sweatpants

DRESSES/SKIRTS

- Dresses with sleeves and skirts may be worn if length is 1-3 inches above the middle of the knee cap while seated
- 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
- Brands or logos on shirts are acceptable but must be limited to, at most, 3 words on the t-shirt. No questionable phrases, photos or scenes are acceptable. SCA t-shirts, college t-shirts, Christian t-shirts and sweatshirts are acceptable. 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, athletic pants or sweatpants

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. No headbands to hold hair in place. Boy's hair will be checked twice a month on the school day following the 1st and 15th of each month.
- Haircut checks will be performed on the closest school day after the 1st and 16th of each month. Detention will be assigned if haircut is out of code. ISS will be assigned if there has been no haircut after a week of the haircut check.
- 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 cleaving or midriff showing
- No visible tattoos allowed