

# Middle School 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, neatness, and safety are used as the key measurements for our dress code. The administration has the discretion to determine the “modesty, neatness, & safety” 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**
- **Non offensive or divisive**

## General Guidelines:

### **I. Students 6th-8th Grades:**

1. Students are expected to dress according to uniform (K-5) or dress code (6-8) 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, etc.).
3. All garments are to have a traditional fit. Oversize, form fitting or short styles are not permitted. Items not permitted include, but are not limited to, yoga pants, leggings, and tights except when worn under skirts or dresses. Pants are to be worn at the waist (No sagging, wear a belt if needed), and may have a snap, button or elastic waist.
4. Skirt/dress length is to be preferably knee length but no shorter than mid-thigh. Use consideration to the growth of your child when purchasing these items. Please check the outfit front and back to make sure it fits appropriately.
5. All shirts are to be appropriately buttoned (all front buttons except the top one) and have sleeves (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops).
6. Tops must completely cover the midriff even when arms are raised.
7. Rompers or body suits are not permitted.
8. Shoes must have closed toes and backs (a strap does not count as a back). No shoes or boots with narrow heels are permitted. Athletic shoes are required for P.E.
9. Tattoos and body piercings (except for girl’s earrings) are not allowed. Boys are not to wear earrings at school.
10. Hairstyles are to be neat, clean, moderate, combed and in good taste. Shaved heads, mohawks, or shaved designs, letters, or numbers are not permitted. Unnatural hair colors are also 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 (not chapel) but not in place of a uniform top when required.
14. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

**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. General Guidelines do apply.

**Middle School (6-8) Dress Code:**

Continued abuse of the middle school dress code will result in an implementation of the elementary uniform policy for the middle school student(s). Administration reserves the right to change this policy at any time with prior notification to the parents. General Guidelines must be followed (Section I).

**No offensive characters, designs, logos, or wording. No divisive, political, societal, or gender exclusive messages (direct or indirect). Nothing that is contrary to God's standard as found in the Bible.**

- Shirts: Modest shirts with sleeves (short or long), traditional or relaxed fitting, no form fitting or overly baggy. Must cover midriff even when arms are raised.
- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/  
/Skorts/Dresses: Modest pants, shorts, skirts/skorts traditional or relaxed fitting, no form fitting or overly baggy. Must fit at the waist. Knee length (or longer) is preferred, but no shorter than mid-thigh for dresses, shorts, skirts, and skorts.
- Socks: Socks are required (any length or color).
- Shoes: Athletic shoes, boots, or dress shoes with covered toes and a full back (a strap does not count as a back). No narrow or high heels. Sandals are allowed on Chapel days only (no flip-flops). Gym shoes are required for P.E.
- Chapel Dress: Khaki pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or dresses. Polo or button up shirts (short or long sleeves). No jeans or athletic wear (including sweatpants and shirts). Length restrictions still apply. Use Elementary (K-5) Uniform Dress Code for more examples.