

## **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. 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**

### **Middle School and High School Dress Code General Guidelines:**

#### **I. All students**

1. Students are expected to dress according to 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, etc).
3. All garments are to have a traditional fit. Oversize or form fitting clothing of any kind are not permitted. Items not permitted include, but are not limited to, pajamas, form fitting slacks, form fitting athletic pants, leggings, and tights except when worn under skirts or dresses that meets length requirements. Pants are to be worn at the waist (No sagging, wear a belt if needed).
4. Skirt/dress length is to be preferably knee length but no shorter than a three inches above the knee. 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. Modest pants, shorts, skirts/skorts traditional or relaxed fitting, no form fitting or overly baggy. Must fit at the waist. All shorts are prohibited except uniform shorts (cargo shorts are acceptable). Knee length (or longer) is preferred, but no shorter than 3 inches from the knee for shorts. Athletic shorts may only be worn for PE class and athlete sport practice only and can be no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Jean shorts are prohibited.
6. Tops must completely cover the midriff even when arms are raised or if there is a shirt underneath. All shirts are to be appropriately buttoned (all front buttons, but may leave the top one unbuttoned) and have sleeves (no sleeveless shirts, tank tops, or crop tops).
7. Modest shirts with sleeves (short or long), traditional or relaxed fitting, no form fitting or overly baggy. No large neck lines that show bra straps, shoulder, or cleavage.
8. Rompers or body suits are not permitted.
9. Shoes must have backs (a strap does not count as a back to include Crocs). No shoes or boots with narrow or high heels are permitted (except for cowboy boots). Athletic shoes are required for P.E and athletic practices. Shoes with wheels are not permitted.
10. Tattoos and body piercings (except for girl's earrings) are not allowed. Boys are not to wear earrings at school. Minimal accessories are allowable and should be conservative, in good taste, and not distracting.
11. Hairstyles are to be neat, clean, moderate, combed and in good taste. Shaved heads, mohawks, or shaved designs, letters, or numbers are not permitted to include ladder/line designs. Unnatural hair colors are also not permitted. Unnatural hair color must be colored back to a natural hair color within two weeks. If more time is needed, please speak to the principal.
12. A light layer of makeup is allowed in natural tones on female students and should not be distracting. Face paint is not allowed. Males are not permitted to wear makeup.

13. Hats, head coverings, etc. must be removed in the building unless exempted by administration.
14. Coats, hats, and other outer apparel may be worn to and from school, but hung in the classroom or locker during the school day. Students are permitted to wear hoodies and jackets if the hood is down.
15. Students must wear clothing appropriately to include, but not limited to, arms through sleeves and head not tucked into the neckline.
16. No offensive characters, designs, logos, or wording. No divisive, political, societal, or gender exclusive messages (direct or indirect). No band t-shirts. Nothing that is contrary to God's standard as found in the Bible.
17. **Chapel Dress Code:** Khaki pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or dresses. Polo or button up shirts or nice blouses for girls (short or long sleeves). No T-shirts, Sweatshirts/hoodies or Jackets are to be worn in chapel. Cardigan sweaters are permitted. No jeans or athletic wear (including sweatpants). Length restrictions still apply.
18. **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.
19. 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.
20. The dress code applies on the last day of school.

**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 emailed to parents**

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

**Dress code concerns where modesty is an issue will receive a call home to bring clothing that respects school dress code.**

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

Continued abuse of the middle school dress code will result in an implementation of the elementary uniform policy for the middle school and high 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).