

Elementary Uniform Dress Code (K-5)

As a Christian school, we want our families and our ministry to reflect Christ-like character. SCA encourages students to think and behave as Christian ladies and gentlemen. Our dress code is one of the tools we use to support students' academic growth and character development. In general, students are expected to wear plain, solid-color, traditional school uniforms in the designated colors, without logos or designs. These guidelines serve as minimum standards to help parents and students choose appropriate school clothing. Modesty, neatness, and safety are the main principles behind our dress code. The administration has the authority to determine whether clothing meets these standards.

Clothing will:

- **Honor and glorify the Lord**
- **Demonstrate modesty**
- **Show neatness and cleanliness**
- **Avoid distracting from the learning environment**
- **Avoid being a stumbling block to others**
- **Be non-offensive and non-divisive**

General Guidelines:

1. Students must follow the school uniform dress code from the moment they arrive on campus until they leave for the day.
2. Clothing must be modest, clean, and in good condition (no holes, fraying, stains, etc.).
3. All clothes should have a traditional or relaxed fit. Oversized/baggy or tight/form fitting items are not allowed. This includes form-fitting pants, yoga pants, leggings, or tights—unless worn under skirts or dresses that meet length requirements. Pants must be worn at the waist; belts should be worn if needed.
4. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should ideally reach the knee and must be no more than three inches above the knee. Consider your child's growth when choosing these items. Check the fit from both the front and the back to ensure they are appropriate.
5. All tops must have sleeves, be properly buttoned (all front buttons except possibly the top one), and must cover the midriff even when arms are raised.
6. Shoes must have closed toes and closed backs (a strap does not count). Narrow or high-heeled shoes/boots are not permitted. Athletic shoes are required for P.E.
7. Tattoos and body piercings are not allowed, except for girls' earrings. Boys may not wear earrings.
8. Hairstyles must be neat, clean, moderate, and appropriate. Shaved heads, Mohawks, shaved designs (letters, numbers, etc.), and unnatural hair colors are not allowed.
9. Accessories must be minimal, conservative, and not distracting.
10. Hats and head coverings must be removed inside the building unless approved by Administration.
11. Coats, hats, and other outerwear may be worn to and from school but must be stored in the classroom during the day. Sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn as a jacket, but are to be taken off in the building.
12. During the cold months, students may wear hoodies, sweatshirts, or sweaters (zip, button, or pull-over) that are solid-color or purchased through SCA over-top of their uniform clothes for added warmth in the classroom; however, these items must not replace the required uniform tops and **hoodies and sweatshirts are not to be worn to chapel**. The cold months are defined as December, January, and February.

13. Clothing may not display logos, characters, slogans, lettering, or designs. Exceptions may include: items purchased through SCA, Jeans Day clothing, and designated spirit/themed days (see details below).
14. Altering uniform items in ways that change the intended traditional fit may make them non-compliant with the dress code.
15. The principal/administration has the final say on whether clothing is acceptable. Students dressed inappropriately may be required to change before attending class.
16. The administration may make changes to this policy at any time and will notify parents beforehand.

Dress Code Violations (within a grading quarter):

First - issuance of a dress code concern form.

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

Third - issuance of dress code concern form and Discipline Report.

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

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

GIRLS (K-5) Uniform:

Skirt/Skort:	Any solid color (navy, khaki, or black are preferred), plaid, plain (no embellishments or designs), flat or pleated. Preferably knee length (or longer) but no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Modest shorts should be worn under skirts.
Jumper/Dress:	Any solid color (navy, khaki, or black are preferred), plaid, plain (no embellishments or designs), flat or pleated. Jumpers and dresses should be preferably knee length (or longer) but no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Modest shorts with dresses should be considered for playground activities. Jumpers and dresses without sleeves require a sleeved shirt to be worn underneath.
Tights/Hoses/ Leggings:	Any solid color (navy, white, red, or black are preferred), plain (no designs or embellishments), worn to mid-calf or ankle. <u>These can only be worn under shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, or jumpers that meet uniform qualifications.</u>
Pants/Slacks:	Any solid color (navy, khaki, or black are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), flat or pleated, pants should be Docker or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material.
Shorts/Capri's:	Any solid color (navy, khaki, or black are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), flat or pleated, Docker or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material. Preferably knee length but no shorter than three inches above the knee.
Polo/Oxford/ Peter Pan Collar Shirts:	Any solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), long or short sleeved, or white Peter Pan collared shirt. Shirt length cannot be longer than finger tips and must cover midriff.
Sweaters:	Any solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), button/zipper cardigan, pullover, crew or V-neck, or vest type. All sweaters should be waist length.
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. Athletic shoes are required for P.E.

BOYS (K-5) Uniform:

Pants/Slacks:	Any solid color (navy, khaki, or black are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), flat or pleated, pants should be Docker or cargo style, traditional fit (not tight or form fitting), and non-stretch material.
Shorts:	Any solid color (navy, khaki, or black are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), flat or pleated, Docker or cargo style, traditional fit (not form fitting), and non-stretch material. Preferably knee length but no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
Oxford/Polo Shirts:	Any solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), long or short sleeved. Shirt length cannot be longer than finger tips.
Sweaters:	Any solid color (red, white, light blue, or navy are preferred), plain (no embellishments or designs), button/zipper cardigan, pullover, crew or V-neck, or vest type. All sweaters should be waist length.
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). Athletic shoes are required for P.E.

P.E. (K-5) Uniform:

Students may wear their normal uniform as described above, or they may wear SCA branded or solid colored t-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts (that meet length requirements), or sweatpants. Athletic shoes and socks are required.

Chapel days:

Chapel day is a “dress up” day. Students may wear their normal uniform as described above, or they can wear dress shirts, dress pants, and ties. They may also choose to wear dresses, skirts, sweaters, or shirts with prints/designs (no characters or slogans) and dress shoes (no high or narrow heels). Clothing not to wear on chapel days include t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, jeans, or any clothing tight fitting or revealing. Please follow the General Guidelines list above.

Spirit and Themed Days:

Special alternate dress days will be scheduled throughout the year. The building principal will determine the dress themes for these days. These themed events will be provided in writing and communicated in advance so parents are informed and students can dress appropriately. Expectations for traditional fit, modesty, and neatness still apply, and all general guidelines (from the General Guidelines list above) remain in effect.

Jeans Days:

On Jeans Days, students may wear solid-color denim jeans or solid-color denim jean shorts, skirts, or skorts (no jeggings). These items should preferably be knee-length or longer, and may not be shorter than three inches above the knee. SCA sweatpants and SCA athletic shorts may also be worn instead of jeans.

Shirts with logos, characters, slogans, lettering, or designs are allowed on Jeans Days; however, they may NOT include anything offensive, divisive, political, societal, or gender-exclusive—whether directly stated or implied. Clothing must not conflict with God’s standards as taught in the Bible. Please follow the general guidelines.

Approved School Shoes

Please Review Before Purchase

To ensure student safety and consistency, **shoes worn to school must have a full back.** Shoes with straps, sling backs, half backs or open backs **do NOT meet the requirement and are not approved.** Please reference the examples below before purchasing school shoes.



Approved Boys Uniform

Shirts



Short or long-sleeved polos

Short or long-sleeved Oxford

Pants



With button/snap & zipper

With elastic waist

With cargo pockets

Shorts



With button/snap
& zipper

With elastic waist

With cargo pockets



Indoor Jackets



Plain color button or zip-up fleece



Plain color button or zip-up sweater

Not Allowed



Pants/Shorts



Elastic at ankles



Too tight fitting



Multi-colored or designs



Oversized or baggy



Multi-colored or large logos or designs



Too short

Shirts



Large logos or designs



Tight fitted



Multi-colored or designs



Indoor Jackets



No hoods or sweatshirts



Multi-colored or designs



Can be worn outside
But not for inside

Approved Girls Uniform

Skirts and Skorts



Knee length or longer skirts and skorts (no shorter than 3 inches above knees)

Jumpers and Dresses



Knee length or longer jumpers and dresses (no shorter than 3 inches above knees)

Pants



With elastic waist



With button/snap & zipper



With cargo pockets

Shirts



Short or long-sleeved polos



Peter Pan collar



Short or long-sleeved Oxford



Indoor Jackets



Plain color button or zip-up sweater



Plain color button or zip-up fleece

Not Allowed



Pants



Elastic at ankles



Too tight fitting



Oversized or baggy



Multi-colored or designs

Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses



Too short



Too tight fitting



Too short



No shirt under dress

Shirts



No sleeveless shirt or dress



Too tight fitting



Large logo or designs



Multi-colored or designs



Indoor Jackets



Multi-colored or designs



Can be worn outside
But not for inside



No hoods or sweatshirts