

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

Our Heart

We, at SCS, desire to reflect our commitment to Biblical standards of “living a life worthy of the calling we have received” (Eph. 4:1) in all aspects of our lives; therefore, we want to honor God with our modesty of dress. We also recognize that modesty and neatness affect the learning environment.

SCS Elementary School is a uniformed school, although we have quite a few “non-uniform days” for the enjoyment of the students and staff. We recognize that a school uniform is not a sign of holiness, and that many opinions can be held about clothing within the Christian body and in some instances the articles of clothing do not hold a clear “black or white” judgment call. Therefore, families may disagree with the dress code from time to time. In such an instance, we ask you to use this as a teaching moment with your children in how to honor authority with a Christ-like attitude and support the decisions made by the school administration.

When dress code has come into question by a staff member, the Elementary Principal will determine if a violation has occurred. In the absence of the principal, an upper school administrator will make the determination or appoint a fellow staff member to do so.

Dealing with Violations

1st offense: Student will be loaned clothing from the PTF resale room, if such article is available.

Phone call &/or written notice will be sent home. **Clothing should be returned to school.**

Items not returned within 2 weeks will be billed to your account.

2nd–4th offense: Parent will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school.

If clothing being worn is deemed “out of compliance, but not immodest”, the child can return to class until the parent arrives. If clothing is deemed “immodest”, the child will remain in the office until a parent can arrive with appropriate clothing.

Dealing with Excessive Violations

5 or more offenses within the same school year, is considered excessive. If this should occur, a parent will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school and a conference appointment will be made with the Elementary Principal to discuss appropriate punishment.

Possible punishment options: loss of “non-uniform” days, out-of-school suspension, expulsion

Uniform Purchases

Clothing may be purchased at the store of your choice, as long as the clothing meets all the stated uniform, modesty, and general rules below. If you are interested in “SCS Plaid” patterned or SCS logo

apparel, they can be purchased through Land's End from their website. To access this, you must use the SCS Preferred School Number [900039637](#). Many of these same items can be purchased from the PTF Resale Store for only \$2.00 per item. This store is located in room #128 of the elementary school, and is open from 8:00am-3:00pm during regular school days. All articles are all gently used clothing that families donate after their child outgrows them. Please consider contributing &/or purchasing, as each resale supports our PTF and classroom needs.

Modesty and General Rules

~All clothing: Should be in good repair.

~All clothing: Undergarments should not be visible whether due to lack of coverage from outer garment or due to thin / tight fitting nature of the outer garment being worn. The outline of undergarments should not even be seen due to this. ~**Exception:** *Turtlenecks, thermal underwear, leggings, tights, etc. (any form-fitting wear) **may be visible** (collars, sleeves, lower legs, etc.), but may still **ONLY** be worn under the outer garments.*

~Hoods (on sweaters, hoodies, jackets, etc.): should not be used inside

~Hats: should not be worn inside unless a specially indicated day

~Boys' hair: should be no longer than bottom of eyebrows, no longer than bottom of ears, and not extend past the shirt

~Upper body: No sheer backs, bare backs, or lace backs on shirts should be visible. No shoulders or midriffs should be visible.

~Girls' upper body: Undergarments must be worn when they become developmentally necessary.

~Lower body: All outer garments must pass the "fingertip test" (while standing in a normal position, with arms at sides, both hands in their entirety must still be touching the outer garment fabric and show some outer garment fabric extending beyond the fingertips).

~Girls' lower body: Shorts **MUST** be worn under dresses, jumpers, and skirts.

~Shoes: Kinder-2nd grade: tennis shoes

3rd-5th grade: must be "flat" (not wedges or heels), rubber soles, closed toes, closed heels;

must be well-fitted so that they easily remain on feet at all times, even at recess

On non-uniform days for special events, sandals (not flip-flops) are allowed

Standard for “UNIFORM DAYS”

Please adhere to all “Modesty& General Rules” noted above!

Dresses / Jumpers

It is permissible for girls to wear a dress or jumper in the “SCS Plaid” pattern or in solid red, white, navy, light blue, or gray.

Upper Body

(collared shirts, non-collared, t-shirts, pull-over sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies)

Any shirt that is in any way affiliated with SCS (regardless of style or color) is permitted.

Solid red, white, navy, light blue, and gray shirts are permitted regardless of whether or not they are affiliated with SCS.

Any shirts worn under the outer garments must maintain the solid colors chosen for upper or lower body.

If a child is cool inside school, the child may wear a zippered or button up sweater or light jacket which does not have to maintain the uniform color. A child may NOT wear a heavy coat indoors as it is cumbersome in scholastic endeavors.

Lower Body

(Girls: skirts, skorts, shorts, capris, pants)

(Boys: shorts, pants)

Solid navy and khaki colors are permitted. “SCS Plaid” pattern is permitted.

Any form-fitted garments worn under the outer garments (leggings, etc.) must maintain the solid colors chosen for upper and lower body.

PE UNIFORM

All students, K-5th grade, participate in PE weekly.

K-5th GRADE: *A pair of tennis shoes is required to remain at school at all times for the sole use of PE class.*

5th GRADE: *5th grade students are required to wear a PE uniform in PE class. Students will change clothes before and after PE class. PE uniforms are to be purchased through the school.*

Standard for "NON-UNIFORM DAYS"

Please adhere to all "Modesty& General Rules" noted above!

FIELD TRIPS: Teachers will determine and communicate their preference, according to nature of trip.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAYS/ SPECIAL EVENTS: Dress up - "Sunday best". Shoes may not adhere to shoes rules, but students must bring shoes that do adhere to the rules in case they are needed that day (recess, etc.).

GROUP PICTURE DAYS: Class t-shirt and jeans (This is when the entire class is in the picture together).

DRESS DOWN DAYS: Every Friday, as well as some other days throughout the year, are deemed "dress down" but if you prefer to wear the uniform or to dress up, that is also OK.

THEME DAYS ("spirit" days, etc.): If choosing not to participate in the chosen theme, a student must wear the uniform. Students cannot ignore the theme and use this day as a "dress down day". Shoes may not adhere to shoes rules, but students must bring shoes that do adhere to the rules in case they are needed that day (recess, etc.)