

9.0 Dress Code

9.1 Statement of Philosophy

Statesville Christian School believes the dress code should reflect the values and beliefs associated with the school. Since clothing influences mentality, our standards of dress aid in the overall climate of SCS. Modesty (1 Timothy 2:9), neatness (Matthew 25:21), appropriateness, respect and gender distinctiveness are fundamentals of the SCS dress code no matter what the current standards and tastes of our society. There is no “perfect” dress code, but the following code is to establish community standards based on our guiding principles. Our desire is to provide a consistent and positive learning environment. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any article of clothing.

9.2 Middle School (6-8) Guidelines

General Appearance

- Hats, hoods, bandanas, headphones and sunglasses are not to be worn inside of school during the academic day.
- Hair must be properly groomed at all times. Hair should be kept out of the eyes. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- The only visible pierced jewelry allowed is earrings on girls.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers and rubber flip-flops are not permitted.

Most School Days including Chapel

- Any SCS shirt, any polo or collared shirt, any solid colored t-shirt, and any hoodie or sweatshirt that does not contain vulgar or inappropriate advertising on the front.
 - Tops must fit appropriately, not too tight and have sleeves
 - No midriffs (front or back) are to show
 - Camis and undergarments are not to be worn over any clothing, *nor should they be visible underneath clothing (shirts should be buttoned to the height that cami or t-shirt cannot be seen)*
 - Shirts must be buttoned so the collar bone cannot be seen
 - Sheer, thin, or see-through tops are not permitted
- **Gray, Navy or Khaki** pants, shorts or skirts only
 - Dresses/Skirts must be at or below the knee and are not to fit tightly
 - In good repair-no rips, frays, or the appearance of any of these
 - Pants may not “sag” in such a manner as to reveal undergarments
 - Pants may not be tight fitting or made of legging material
 - All shorts must be knee length “bermuda” style shorts
- Jogging suits, wind suits, sweatpants, or athletic shorts and pajama pants are not permitted
- Statesville Christian School logoed apparel from a school affiliated club/organization or Boosters (zip-front jackets, sweatshirts, polo shirts, and crew neck t-shirts) is acceptable.
- Other outerwear (coats, parkas, etc.) may not be worn in the building

Fridays

- SCS t-shirt
- Denim jeans/shorts (meeting the same criteria as indicated above for pants)

Dress up Days (Banquets, Pictures, Awards)

- Pants are to be in good repair-no rips, frays, or the appearance of any of these
- Pants may not “sag” in such a manner as to reveal undergarments
- Tops are not to be too tight, nor have plunging necklines
- “Jeggings” and tight, form fitting jeans or pants are not permitted at any time
- Dresses/Skirts must be at or below the knee and are not to fit tightly

Athletic Events

- The athletic department will stipulate clothing requirements for game days.
- Athletic team shirts become the “dress code” shirt that day.

Consequences for dress code violations

1. Warning from teacher and/or staff member with dress code violation noted to the Principal.
2. Students may be required to go to the office or call home for a change of clothes that meet dress code.
3. Three violations will result in after-school detention.
4. Repeated violations will require a parent conference with the Head of School.

9.3 High School Guidelines (Grades 9-12)

In all questions regarding dress code, the administration will make the final decisions on interpretations of the following standards. The dress code for the high school may vary at points from the middle school as we want to extend more options and more responsibilities to older students.

General Appearance for All HS Students

- The key idea is that students should be neatly groomed wearing clothing that is **in good taste and modest**
- Hair must be properly groomed at all times. Hair should be kept out of the eyes. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Facial hair on young men is allowed but must be neatly groomed.
- Hats, hoods, bandanas, headphones and sunglasses are not to be worn inside of school during the academic day.
- The only visible pierced jewelry allowed is earrings on girls.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers and rubber flip-flops are not permitted.
- Smart watches must be placed in holders with cell phones during class
- School dress code applies to banquets, picture days, and awards ceremonies.

Guidelines for Pants, Shorts, or Skirts for HS Students

- Dresses/skirts for girls must be at or below the knee and are not to fit tightly.
- All shorts must be **at least mid-thigh or longer** when standing **and have a minimum of a 6” inseam. Cut off shorts of any material are NOT allowed.**
- Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Clothing with holes, patches or frayed ends may not be worn.
- Leggings, **including flared leggings** and yoga pants or any other tight fitting pants are not permitted. Pajama pants are not permitted.
- **Sweatpants, athletic shorts and joggers made of sweatpant material are permitted as long as they meet all other requirements.**
- Pants may not drag on the ground or sag. Pants and shorts must fit appropriately **and may have no holes or frays.**

Guidelines for Shirts and Tops for HS Students

- Any SCS shirt, polo or collared shirt, t-shirt, hoodie, or sweatshirt that does not contain vulgar or inappropriate advertising or messaging on the front is permitted. Shirts must fit appropriately and **not be too tight.**
- **ALL shirts and tops must have sleeves.**
- Girls shirts may not be plunging or revealing at the neckline. Shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters with large necklines that prevent the shirt from staying up on both shoulders at all times may not be worn. No see-through, **tank tops**, or sheer tops are allowed. **Sleeveless shirts are not allowed.**
- Bare midriffs are not permitted at any time – **no shirts with cut hems**, crop top shirts or bralettes.
- Undergarments should not be seen at any time.
- **Tank tops or spaghetti straps on shirts or dresses are not permitted** (No bra straps should be showing at any time).
- Any top worn under a garment that zips or buttons, must adhere to dress code requirement.
- Winter formal and Prom dresses must be approved by assigned faculty members.

Consequences for dress code violations

1. Students may be required to go to the office or call home for a change of clothes that meet dress code guidelines.
2. Three violations will result in after school detention.
3. Repeated violations will require a parent conference with the Principal.

9.4 Physical Education Dress Code

Students in grades 6-12 are required to change clothes for PE class. Uniforms are required. Plain, navy blue sweat pants may be worn as an alternative to the uniform shorts; no other alternatives can be used in the place of the uniform shorts. Uniforms may be purchased through SCS.

We encourage parental direction and support of the dress code since the burden of supervision rests with the parents. The final decision on the appropriateness of any clothing, whether mentioned in this code or not, rests with the school administration.