

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**.
- 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 Head of School.

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.