

General Guidelines: PreK-12

Philosophy

1 Corinthians 14:40 – "Let all things be done *decently and in order.*"

1 Timothy 2:9 – "[All] should adorn themselves *modestly and appropriately and sensibly* in *seemly* apparel."

Philippians 2:5 – "Your *attitude* should be the *same as* that of *Christ Jesus.*"

1 Peter 5:5 – "Clothe yourselves with *humility.*"

It is our conviction that appropriate attire is a reflection of the attitude and spirit of the student, and that it has a significant and positive impact upon the atmosphere of the classroom. Since school is in a sense a student's place of business, standardized dress is designed to promote a sense of a "work atmosphere" where young people are responsible for adhering to the job description of being a "Student". We believe that it is necessary to dress appropriately, cleanly, and modestly at all times. Please note the academy's dress code in regard to modesty, which extends to all school activities in which students participate or attend (sports practices, games, plays, ceremonies, field trips, community service, etc.).

General Guidelines

Accessories:

Hats or caps are to be worn outside the building only.

Earrings on boys are prohibited. Girls may wear earrings in lobes only. Other piercings are not allowed (includes face, nose, eyebrows and bellybuttons). No gauges, cuffs, bars, or chains allowed.

Distracting, offensive, or extreme jewelry is prohibited (i.e., spikes).

Boys' tie of choice; it may be pattern or solid.

Belts

A belt will be required on any pant, short, or skirt that does not fit securely on the student.

Body Art

No permanent or temporary tattoos (wet transfer, henna art, or ink drawn) are allowed at any time while enrolled as a student at SCA. Existing tattoos prior to initial enrollment must be covered at all times.

Clothing

Shorts may be worn before Thanksgiving break and as of March 1st.

Skirts, dresses, jumpers, and shorts are to be **no shorter than two to three inches above the top of the kneecap.**

No transparent, see through material allowed and shirt length must cover the waistline when arms are raised (no crop tops).

NO writing or logos larger than 3"x 3" are permitted.

SCA Spirit Wear shirts and hoodies may be worn every day.

Hair

Mohawks or unnatural hair dye colors are not allowed. Spiked hair and curly hair should be no more than 2" in height.

Boys' haircuts should not extend below the earlobe, collar, or eyebrows and must not be fastened by clips or bands.

9th-12th grade students may not wear facial hair of any type.

Shoes & Socks

Shoes must remain on students feet at all times in accordance with fire safety regulations.

All students must wear socks with athletic shoes. On P.E. days, students must wear socks and athletic shoes with non-skid soles.

No shoes with heeies or flashing lights of any kind.

Outerwear Thick coats worn outside of classroom.

Dress Code Uniforms: PreK-8th

Rationale

Dress code guidelines promote the neatness and modesty.

Designed to be practical for the range of activities during the school day.

Dress code allows students to be easily identified with their school, both on and off campus.

Students gain a sense of belonging to the school and consequently their pride in their school increases.

Dress Code Attire/Uniforms

Shop at area department stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, JC Penney, Old Navy; French Toast Uniforms (www.frenchtoast.com); Land's End (www.landsend.com)

Field Trip Requirement: Cobalt Blue Polo with school logo required for (K-6th only) and chino/khaki bottoms. Order from **Land's End catalog** using the school's identification number (9000-7641-5). *Land's End will embroider the school's logo on most clothing for an extra fee. Embroidery, Etc. in downtown Suffolk* will embroider the school's logo on most clothing for an extra fee.

No specific brand is required except: **Girls plaid jumper/skirt must be Land's End brand.**

Chapel (Pre-K-5th) Chapel themed t-shirts may be worn with dress code bottoms on chapel days only.

Clothing – Girls'

Solid polo and oxford shirts, turtlenecks, Peter Pan blouse –long/short sleeve, sweatshirt/sweater/sweater vest (with collared oxford/polo underneath).

SCA Spirit Wear shirts and hoodies may be worn every day.

Land's End brand **ONLY** for plaid jumpers and skirts.

Chino or corduroy pants, skort, shorts (black, khaki, navy, grey) NO cargo style or skinny cut pants allowed. Please be sure pants are straight cut and NOT fitted.

Solid A-line or pleated skirt, jumper (black, khaki, navy, grey); no pencil skirts.

Solid color, footed stockings, and leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirt or dress. NO jeggings allowed.

Clothing –Boys'

Solid polo shirts, turtlenecks, Oxford shirts-long or short sleeve (any solid color), sweatshirt/sweater/sweater vest (with collared oxford/polo underneath).

SCA Spirit Wear shirts and hoodies may be worn every day.

Chino or corduroy pants, shorts (black, khaki, navy, grey).

NO cargo style or skinny cut pants allowed.

Shoes & Socks

Shoe styles may include any brand/color athletic shoe with non-skid sole, flat casual, mary-jane style, or dress shoe that encloses the foot.

Pre-K-6th graders may not wear stacked heels/boots over 1 inch, sling backs, clogs, and open-toes shoes. These shoes are considered a safety hazard and are **NOT permitted for elementary students.**

Pre-K – 6th graders should wear solid color socks; girls may wear stockings, or no show hosiery with shoes.

7th & 8th Graders

Clothing

7th-8th graders may wear solid color leggings under an appropriate length skirt.

Shoes & Socks

7th-8th graders should wear solid color socks; girls may wear stockings, or no show hosiery with shoes.

7th-8th graders may wear sling back, clogs with back strap, and open toed shoes with back straps, and heels that are no higher than 2 inches.

Physical Education Uniforms-6th-10th

Students in 6th-10th grade that participate in P.E. will be required to dress out for class. Students must purchase a school PE uniform through the designated vendor. Length of PE shorts must adhere to dress code (i.e., no shorter than 3 inches above top of kneecap). Athletic shoes and socks are required.

Failure to dress out for P.E. class will result in a lower daily grade.

PE Uniforms may be purchased using the link provided:

<https://323sports.com/suffolk-christian-pe/>

Dress Code: 9th-12th

Basic Daily Code

Loose-legged dress slacks or chino-similar pants/shorts of any color.

Ladies wearing pants that are not loose-fitting should wear tops untucked and long enough to at least modestly reach their fingers while arms are at their sides.

Shorts and skirts close (within about 2 or 3") to the knee.

Loose tops/dresses that, even with arms raised, cover shoulders, cleavage, waist, and thighs.

Collared shirts of any color or pattern, without pictures/words.

SCA Spirit Wear shirts and hoodies may be worn every day.

Safe, sturdy, and clean shoes for school environment. 9th-12th graders heels may not exceed 3 inches. Thick coats worn outside of classrooms.

*See "General Guidelines" at the beginning of the school's Dress Code section.

Student Appearance Notes

Students' bodies grow quickly. *Be prepared to purchase larger clothes as they grow.* This allows them to be comfortable, move safely, and not be self-conscious in their apparel.

Cleanliness and good grooming habits are necessary and expected. Students should come to school clean: clean clothes, hair combed, teeth brushed, etc.

A demerit may be issued for dress code violations. *Parent may be called to bring a change of clothing if apparel is considered inappropriate (such as a shirt or a skirt that is too tight, short, or soiled).* Decisions are at administrative discretion.

Dress Code Violations: PreK-12th

Dress code will be checked upon arrival each day. A grace period of three days will be granted at the beginning of the school year while students adjust to dress code expectations. During that period, teachers/administration will notify parents of any violations so that the problems can be corrected. Beyond the three day grace period, an infraction (preschool – 5th) or a demerit (6 - 12th) will be issued.

Note: Students with extremely concerning attire will be required to change clothes even if it is the first offense. ***Dress code infractions are cumulative throughout the school year and do not reset each quarter.**

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

Pre-K-8th grade Girls



PreK-8th grade Boys



High School Dress Code

What to Wear:	What NOT to Wear:
  <p data-bbox="203 955 625 1008">The BEST, most cooperative choices are above. *Jeans are for Casual Days ONLY.</p>	 <p data-bbox="1063 430 1258 462">Girls' cold-shoulder tops</p>  <p data-bbox="1055 703 1161 808">Girls' dresses shorter than 2-3 inches above knee</p>

Casual Days: PreK-12

The first Monday of each month, all students may participate in CASUAL day dress for a \$10 fee for the school year (including August 26th).

Students will be permitted to wear casual/athletic pants, jeans, shorts and t-shirts on these days.

Non-SCA hoodies may be worn on casual days.

Students must comply with all general dress code guidelines on casual days.

Modesty is expected at ALL times.

T-shirts and pants should be in good repair and appropriate in size and fit (sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts/pants, jeans).

T-shirts must have sleeves and may have designs of a positive message/graphic. Christian and positive, sport related messages are recommended. Messages on t-shirts should not contain inappropriate language, graphics, or music groups, nor scary or frightening graphics, such as skeletons.

Hats may only be worn on a designated hat day.

Dress for Major Social Events

Appropriate dress is required for all major social events. **NO exceptions**. All formal dresses must be pre-approved by administration*. SCA students, guests, and homeschool athletes must adhere to the following guidelines:

Athletic Banquet is considered semi-formal and dress should follow school dress code. Bodices must be modest; straight front is recommended, no deep sweetheart necklines. No spaghetti straps and shoulders must be covered. No strapless dresses are allowed for these events. Backs must be near one's shoulder blades and modest from all angles. Skirt lengths and/or vents (slits) must be no higher than two to three inches above the knee. No flesh colored material may be across the waist, chest or back area. Gentlemen should wear dress slacks, collared shirts, and ties.

Dances are considered formal*. Bodices must be modest; straight front is recommended, no deep sweetheart necklines. Backs must be near one's shoulder blades and modest from all angles. Skirt lengths and/or vents (slits) must be no higher than three inches above the knee. No flesh colored material may be across the waist, chest or back area. Gentlemen should wear jackets, dress slacks, and ties.

Homecoming Court is considered formal*. Ladies elected to represent the school should choose a full-length dress that also meets the dance dress guidelines. Gentlemen should wear suits and ties.

Dress for Other School Activities & Functions

Field Trips Elementary students should always wear **cobalt blue shirts with logo** and khaki pants/shorts/skirts for field trips.

Extra-Curricular Events Spectators at extra-curricular events such as sporting events, award ceremonies, plays, and PTF meetings should be mindful of the school modesty standards. Students are expected to wear shirts with sleeves and shorts or skirts that are at least 2-3" from the knee at all school functions.

Field Day Students are expected to wear shirts with sleeves and shorts that are in accordance with dress code standards.