

### **Dress Code/Standardized Attire: PreK3 & PreK4**

Shrewsbury Christian Academy believes that there is a close relationship between positive scholarship, neatness, and appropriate dress. It is nearly impossible to satisfy everyone in this area of the school guidelines.

The purpose of the dress code is to be obedient to the principles of God's Word and to provide the best possible atmosphere for learning. God's Word says that our dress should be modest and that our attention should be more on improving the inner person more than the outer person. It is the academy's conviction that parents are responsible for the modest dress standards characterizing a Christian young person. Students should also recognize their responsibility and respect for the school, by desiring to attend school in appropriate attire. Traditional styles of clothing are expected.

Shrewsbury Christian Academy has chosen to require standardized attire for its PreK3 & PreK4 grade students. This attire is beneficial for the students as well as the school for the following reasons:

- The students are thus encouraged to express their individuality through personal and academic achievements, rather than focusing on a fashionable appearance.
- This attire can lessen the frustration of the morning routine.
- Standardized attire fosters a student's sense of belonging, unity and pride in his school, which can assist in building school and team spirit.
- It ensures that all students are safely and modestly dressed for school activities.
- It eliminates the pressure to wear more elite clothing.
- Clearly identifies Shrewsbury Christian Academy students from visitors that enter the school, and distinguishes them from other students on field trips.
- It suggests an orderly, distinctive, and unified image of the school.
- Makeup is not permitted in Preschool.

The uniforms in K5-8<sup>th</sup> are slightly different than that of our preschool. We maintain the same colors as the overall dress code in SCA; however, it is a more relaxed atmosphere and clothing items are more simplified.

#### **Pants**

- Blue or Khaki elastic waist pants preferred, no holes or fringes at the bottom.
- Slacks are permissible for all students.

- Pants shall be proportioned to fit at the waistline (no hip-huggers).
- Blue or Khaki colored athletic pants.
- No denim or corduroy.

### **Skirts/Jumpers/Dresses - Modesty**

- Girls may wear skirts, jumpers, or dresses.
- **Shorts must be worn underneath.**
- Skirts shall be properly fitted (worn on the waist), and must be no higher than mid-thigh and below fingertip length.

### **Shorts/Skortts**

- Navy or khaki shorts and skortts shall be properly fitted (worn on the waist), and must be no higher than mid-thigh and below fingertip length.

### **Shirts**

- All students may wear white, navy or light blue collared polo, button-down oxfords, T-shirts or turtleneck shirts.
- Shirts and turtlenecks may not have any visible brand names or logos.
- All shirts and blouses should have sleeves.

### **Socks**

- Socks must be worn at all times.

### **Shoes**

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- We prefer slip-ons or shoes with Velcro. However, for safety, as well as neatness, laces must be tied or fastened, so they do not drag.
- Items not permitted are clogs, flip-flops, platform shoes, open-toed shoes, boots, beach shoes and sandals.

### **Neatness**

- Clothing that is frayed, torn, or unclean should not be worn.
- All children should be well groomed and practice good personal hygiene habits.

### **P.E. Uniform**

- PreK3 and PreK4 allow sweatshirts and sweatpants to be worn on any school day in the winter.
- Socks with sneakers.