



Rationale and Purposes of Standardized Attire at S.C.A.

Shrewsbury Christian Academy has chosen to require standardized attire for its 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 be less expensive for families, and 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.

Much thought and planning has gone into the design of the attire. The attire has been chosen with the following in mind:

- Items should be reasonably priced, so as not to exclude anyone.
- Items should be neat looking, and easy to take care of.
- Items should be able to be passed down, with upper grades having some of the same items as lower grades.
- Items should be readily available, at all times of the year.
- Items should be modest and honoring to the God we serve.
- Items should be of a "classic" look, so as not to appear dated nor of the latest fad.
- Items should not detract from the educational experience, but should enhance it.

SCA DRESS CODE

PANTS-

- Navy blue or khaki dress slacks, with inside pockets as opposed to pockets sewn on the outside. No “patch” pockets.
- Cotton or cotton-polyester twill fabric. No Denim or corduroy.
- Plain or pleated front, “Dockers style” or uniform pants. Slacks should be hemmed, and may have cuffs.
- Pants shall be proportioned to fit at the waistline (no hip-huggers).
- If the pants have belt loops, a plain brown, black, or navy belt shall be worn.
- Slacks are permissible for all students.
- NO cargo, Capri, athletic pants, excessively baggy, or fashion/fad pants.

SKIRTS/JUMPERS/DRESSES-

- Girls may wear skirts or jumpers of navy or khaki colored twill fabric (length the same as skirts).
- Long or short sleeve polo dresses in solid navy or light blue may be worn (length the same as skirts).
- Skirts shall be properly fitted (worn on the waist), and must be no higher than mid-thigh and below fingertip length.
- Any slits in skirts must also be no higher than mid-thigh.

SHORTS/SKORTS-

- Navy or khaki shorts that follow the same guidelines as the slacks.
- **No cargo pockets, or “patch” pockets.**
- Shorts and skorts 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, or turtleneck shirts.
- Shirts and turtlenecks may not have any visible brand names or logos (except school approved S.C.A. logos).
- Girls may also wear a button-front blouse with “Peter Pan” collar.
- Shirts and blouses must not have a see-through fabric.
- All shirts must be tucked in.
- All shirts and blouses should have sleeves.
- Tipped sleeves and collar in contrasting color are allowed as long as the color is one of the school attire colors.
- Shirts with buttons must have all buttons buttoned except the top.
- **Non-school attire should not be visible. (As in layering of shirts.)**

SWEATERS, FLEECE & SWEATSHIRTS-

- Solid white, navy, or light blue with collar of shirt/blouse visible at all times.
- Cardigan, V-neck, or crew neck is fine.
- White, navy and light blue vests in the same solid colors are also acceptable.
- No visible brand names or logos (except school approved S.C.A. logos).

SOCKS-

- Solid color in white or navy must be visible.
- Crew or knee-highs are acceptable.
- Girls may also wear white or navy tights.

SHOES-

- Black, brown, or navy soft-soled dress shoes are acceptable.
- Tennis shoes that are primarily white, navy, brown or black are acceptable.
- For safety as well as neatness, laces should be tied or fastened so they do not drag.
- Clogs, flip-flops, platform shoes, open-toed shoes, boots, beach shoes and sandals are not allowed.

OUTERWEAR-

- Hats may be worn outside the school buildings only, and should be stored in lockers/backpacks otherwise.
- Hoods may not be worn in the buildings.
- All other jackets should be stored in the locker or on the hook assigned.

HAIR/ACCESSORIES-

- Any hair accessories must be of school attire colors.
- No extreme hairstyles, hair colors, boys' earrings, belly rings, etc. are allowed.
- If a tie is worn, it should be worn with an oxford shirt, and should be a solid navy blue.
- No chains allowed, including wallet chains.
- Jewelry should not be excessive, and shall be subject to the discretion of the faculty/administration.

BOYS' HAIR CODE-

- Hair is to be well groomed. It should not be in the eyes and must be groomed off the ears and collar at all times.
- It is to be of a natural hair color, with the exception of "Spirit Days."
- Boys that are old enough must be clean shaven.

NEATNESS-

- Standardized attire that is frayed, torn, or unclean should not be worn.
- All children should be well groomed and practice good personal hygiene habits.
- School attire is not to be worn in combination with P.E. uniform (i.e., no t-shirt worn with school shorts).

PRESCHOOL-FIRST GRADE-

- Elastic waist pants are preferred.
- No belts should be worn, unless the student can manipulate it by him/herself.

P.E. UNIFORM-

- Elementary students may wear their P.E. uniforms to school in place of their school uniform on their P.E. day ***only***. If they do not have a P.E. uniform, their school uniform must be worn.
- P.E. uniforms are ***optional*** for elementary students. Normal school attire is acceptable as long as sneakers are worn. Girls should wear slacks, shorts or skirts.
- P.E. uniforms are ***mandatory*** for middle school students. Middle school students should come to school dressed in the P.E. uniform on scheduled P.E. days.

- Sneakers, that meet the criteria listed in the shoe section of the dress code, must be worn to P.E. even on out of uniform days.
- Ash gray t-shirts with school logo shall be ordered through SCA - short sleeve or long sleeve.
- Navy mesh shorts may be worn and can be purchased at the location of your choice or ordered through SCA.
- Navy sweatshirts and sweatpants may be purchased at the location of your choice, providing they meet the following guidelines:
 - Plain navy jersey material with elastic at the waist.
 - No outside pockets.
 - Sweatshirt must be plain navy with a crew neck. No hoods or zippers allowed for P.E.
 - No visible logo on the sweatshirt, unless a school-approved SCA logo.
 - If the items are to be worn as school attire, the navy colors of both parts should match.
 - No trim or stripes allowed.
- School attire is not to be worn in combination with P.E. uniform (i.e., no t-shirt worn with school shorts).

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS-

- Students are expected to wear neat, clean clothing.
- Dresses, skirts, “properly fitted” shorts, slacks or jeans are considered acceptable school attire for girls.
- Boys also may wear “properly fitted” shorts, slacks or jeans (no holes or fringes).
- Students are not allowed to wear bare midriffs, halter-tops, tank tops, sheer blouses or mini-skirts. No shirts with offensive decals/messages are to be worn to school (offensive decals/messages will be determined at the discretion of the Teachers and will include decals of rock stars, violent or crude portrayals, etc.).
- No pajamas or “lounging pants” may be worn.
- Attire is acceptable at the discretion of the teacher. A parent may be called if clothing is not acceptable.