

DRESS CODE UPDATE:

Dear Parents –

In an effort to help parents, students, and staff focus less on the dress code and more on thriving in our school community, we have tweaked the standards to make it easier for consistent application. We appreciate you, our dear Warrior parents, for ensuring your children arrive in dress code each day. The staff will follow the steps outlined in the handbook regarding consequences for being out of dress code in order to be consistent.

Please note the areas highlighted are updated for the 2022-23 school year.

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Land's End and Frenchtoast.com are the preferred uniform providers for SCS. However, parents may also choose to purchase school clothing from local retailers. Please familiarize yourself with the specific styles, fabrics, standards, and colors of our uniform before making a local purchase as all the clothing must conform to the SCS dress code. For example, corduroy fabric is not accepted. As a Christian school, we cannot foresee every dress code issue, the administration will address any issues that are counter to our culture as they arise.

Uniform Provider

- Land's End uniforms may be ordered online from www.landsend.com. SCS approved items can be found by shopping by school and choosing SCS as your default school.
- French Toast Brand school uniforms may be ordered from the French Toast Catalog, or purchased on-line from www.frenchtoast.com. The list of SCS approved French Toast items are available to be printed from this site. In addition, the SCS approved items are listed on the French Toast Website on the "Find your school's dress code" page. Before ordering items from French Toast, please make sure they are listed on SCS's approved list.

General Rules for All Students

All dress code requirements are in effect while a student is on campus from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Student dress at SCS events should be neat and appropriate.

- All clothing must be properly sized and worn modestly.
- Shirts: All shirts are solid colored two or three-button polo style with a knit collar and button center placket in long or short sleeves.
 - Approved colors: red, black and white
 - Black shirts may be worn only with khaki.
- A solid white, red, or black shirt may be worn underneath the polo shirt.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times for elementary students. **Upper school students are permitted to wear shirts untucked, but shirts must cover midribs when arms are fully extended with hands above head.**
- SCS School Spirit Shirt: One red, collared polo SCS logo shirt (available in short & long sleeve) must be purchased for field trips, outreach projects, and school plays. Purchased through French Toast, Land's End, or periodically through the Online Campus Store at makelifespecialnc@gmail.com.
- Undergarments: Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible.
- Shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses for all ages.
- **If belt loops are visible, a belt must be worn.** (Exception for K4/K5)
- Hats or hoods may not be worn inside the buildings.
- SCS Spirit Wear is acceptable. If not SCS Spirit Wear, solid colors of gray, white, red, and black sweatshirts/jackets with one single logo smaller than a notecard may be worn in the classroom.
- Shoes: Sneakers and enclosed shoes
 - Crocs (or similar styled shoes) are NOT permitted unless they are fully enclosed in the back. A strap across the back does not suffice.
 - Students need to wear shoes that have flat soles and enclose both the heel and the top of the foot.
 - The backs of all shoes must be enclosed.
 - The best choice for daily wear is sneakers.
 - Flip-flops, platforms, heels, bedroom shoes/slippers, and Heely's are not allowed.

- Tennis shoes **MUST** be worn for P.E. class.
- Moderate age-appropriate jewelry may be worn as long as it does not distract from the learning environment or cause potential hazards.
- Hair should be neat, groomed, and appropriate for all activities. No student may have spiked, unnatural looking hair colors, or any style that is a distraction to the other students. Hair may not draw undue attention to a student.
- Southside Christian School does not permit students to obtain a tattoo while enrolled at SCS.
- Students enrolling in school who have already obtained a tattoo must keep it covered at all times when on school property and at all school sponsored events.

Girls - Pre-kindergarten – Grade 12

- Pants/Capris, Shorts, Skorts/Skirts/Scooters/Jumpers: **Khaki** or **black** made from chino, twill, or **denim** materials. (**Denim is a form of twill and is acceptable.**) Pleated or flat front and **cargo style** are allowed. (No spandex, **jeggings**, stretch, corduroy, or low-rise pants are allowed). All clothing must **be within 2 inches above the knee** or longer and be **properly sized** in good repair with no rips/tears/stains, etc. Black bottoms may be worn with red or white shirts only.
- Leggings and socks should be appropriate and not distracting.
- Jewelry
 - Moderate age-appropriate jewelry may be worn as long as it does not distract from the learning environment or cause potential hazards.
 - **No more than two earrings per lobe and no more than one earring per upper ear cartilage.**
 - No facial piercings.
- Accessory Scarves – In general do not match the school uniform. Administration will permit female students to wear accessory scarves in times of cold weather.

Boys - Pre-kindergarten – Grade 12

- Pants or Shorts: **Khaki** or **black** made from chino, twill, or **denim** materials. (**Denim is a form of twill and is acceptable.**) Pleated or flat front and **cargo style** are allowed. (No spandex, **jeggings**, stretch, corduroy, or low-rise pants are allowed). All clothing **be within 2 inches above the knee** or longer, be **properly sized** and in good repair free of rips/tears/stains.
- Boys may not have piercings of any kind.
- Hair (Please note our sports conference requires the following hair standards for male players.)
 - **No shaggy hairstyles.**
 - **Boys must have hair cut so it is off the collar, above the eyes, and off the ears.**
 - Sideburns are to be no longer than the middle of the ear, and when maturity warrants it, boys must be clean-shaven.
- Socks should be appropriate and not distracting.

(Spirit Day)

Students may wish to participate in Spirit Day. The fee to participate is \$1.00 per Friday – equating to \$34.00 for the school year. Please note that the cost is \$1.00 whether the child chooses to wear **blue** jeans, an SCS T-shirt, or both.

- T-Shirts: Students may choose to wear any appropriately fitting SCS t-shirt which is free of holes, rips, or tears.
- SCS approved sweatshirt
- Jeans: Please consider the following guidelines:
 - Jeans must be blue, black, khaki or any shade thereof, and may be in **shorts**, pants, or capris fashion. Any other colors are not permitted.
 - Jeans must be of appropriate size **and worn modestly** and not oversized, sloppy or tattered.
 - Additionally, low-riding jeans are not acceptable.
 - Jeans may not contain holes or bleached areas.
- Dress code violations will be issued for non-compliance.
 - Excessive offenses may result in the loss of privilege and participation of Spirit Day.
 - Refunds will not be issued.

PE Uniform

- Elementary students may purchase an official SCS PE uniform shirt to wear to school on PE days with their khaki uniform pants or shorts. PE uniforms are not required for elementary students. Students not wearing an official SCS PE shirt on PE day must wear the standard SCS school uniform to school. Exception: When ES PE classes are held on Fridays, students may wear any SCS shirts.

- Upper school students are required to wear an official SCS PE uniform for PE. During cold weather, students may wear a sweatshirt and/or sweatpants over their PE uniform. Failure to wear a PE uniform will negatively affect the student's grade. <https://scswarriorgear.com/product-tag/pe-uniforms/> PE uniform shorts must have at least a 7 inch inseam. Rolling up shorts to shorten the length is not permitted.
- All students MUST wear sneakers to P.E. class.