

Uniform Policy

Sarasota Christian School's uniform policy is designed to promote simplicity of style, economy, modesty, school spirit, and identity. Students are a reflection of the school itself and are required to dress neatly and modestly.

All clothing and personal appearance is expected to be neat, clean, may not be torn or have holes, and modest in fit and length and appropriate to a Christian educational environment. Dress, hairstyle or makeup should not call undue attention to the individual or be distracting. This code applies during any school day from the time of arrival on campus. As the school is an extension of the home, appropriateness of dress is first of all the responsibility of the home. We need and expect parental support to effectively maintain standards of dress. Parents are encouraged to teach their child to submit to the guidelines within the dress code. It has been established so that matters of dress are not a distracting or dividing force within our community. To that end, we ask parents: Do not allow your child to push the envelope. Make every effort to stay well within the established parameters.

Unless a special exception is indicated, the uniform policy is as follows:

Shirts/Sweatshirts/Coats

- Uniform shirts and sweatshirts must be the approved apparel with the school logo and purchased through the school. Sweaters are not permitted.
- Short sleeve undershirts may be any color. Long sleeve undershirts must be navy, royal blue, or white. Undershirts must not hang below uniform shirts and may not have visible artwork or messages on the front or back.
- Elementary and middle school students may wear a winter coat only if worn over a SCS logo uniform shirt and SCS logo sweatshirt or approved co-curricular sweatshirt. High school students may wear a winter coat when the temperature is 45 degrees Fahrenheit or lower at 7:15 am without having a SCS sweatshirt underneath their coat. Winter coats do not need to be in uniform colors or have a SCS logo. Students may not carry blankets.
- Hats, bandanas, or sweatshirt hoods may not be worn inside during the school day and only outside during extreme cold weather.
- Clothing is expected to cover undergarments at all times.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts

- Pants, shorts and skirts must be navy or tan colored and cover midriff and undergarments. Leggings are not permitted as pants.
- For girls, skirts must be of a modest length approaching the knee and not shorter than mid-thigh in length. Capris must be below the kneecap. Leggings may not be worn unless under a skirt of a modest length.
- Shorts are permitted for elementary school students, and for middle school and high school boys.
- Clothing is expected to cover undergarments at all times.

Shoes

- Elementary and middle school students are required to wear closed-in shoes such as athletic shoes.

Piercings and Tattoos

- With the exception of earrings, body piercings and/or tattoos should be covered during the school day.

Physical Education Requirements

- High school students are required to wear a t-shirt with sleeves, modest athletic shorts or loose-fitting sweatpants/other exercise pants, socks and sneakers. Clothing with inappropriate slogans, pictures and/or symbols is not permitted.
- Middle school students are required to wear the approved P.E. uniform.

Uniform Policy Exceptions

Throughout the year students will be permitted and/or required to wear non-uniform attire for various occasions. Specific attire for the various occasions will be communicated in advance. All SCS spirit apparel must be approved by the director of communications prior to ordering/purchasing. The additional guidelines below, apply in conjunction with the standard policies indicated above.

Spirit & Jeans Fridays

Every Friday, students can show their school spirit by wearing approved SCS spirit shirts or sweatshirts from current or prior years instead of uniform shirts. Spirit shirts will be available for purchase at the beginning of the school year.

Every Friday students may pay \$1.00 to wear jeans instead of uniform bottoms, which provides funds for elementary class auction quilts, middle and high school student council special events/projects, and high school Global Family schools.

Athletic Teams

Students on SCS athletic teams that have advanced to regional finals or state playoff competitions may wear their team jersey or team shirt on playoff days with jeans.

Drama Cast & Crew Members

Students in a SCS drama production may wear their drama production shirt on the day of the performance with jeans.

Leadership and club groups desiring an out-of-uniform day for a specific cause may request permission from the principal.

*SCS holds the right to determine if a student's dress or appearance is being disruptive to the educational environment. The final decision as to the appropriateness of attire rests with faculty and administration.

Consequences for Uniform Violations

- High school students out of uniform or in violation of uniform guidelines will be required to change into a uniform provided by the school or a parent.
- Middle school students will be required to change into a uniform provided by the school (retained in the clinic), and will lose participation points for the class that they miss by being in the office.
- On the third (and subsequent) dress code infraction, high school and middle school students will be required to serve a detention.
- Elementary teachers will contact parents if their child's uniform is in violation.