

# Dress Code - Suburban Christian School - 2024-2025

## Dress Code

Our dress code serves two purposes. The first purpose is to follow biblical principles concerning modesty, Christian testimony, and a distinction between the sexes. The second purpose is to insure a professional, disciplined atmosphere in our school.

Due to the influence of our society and a fashion industry that thrives on fads and constant change, it is impossible to construct a list of guidelines that covers every situation that might arise. The administration reserves the right to determine what is acceptable dress in all instances.

SCS uses Schoolbelles as the official uniform provider for school apparel. The office can provide specific information for ordering uniforms. Our Schoolbelles school code is s3063.

Adherence to the school dress code is required for all school activities unless otherwise announced by the administration. This includes arriving and leaving all activities and functions.

## Elementary Dress Code

### **General Guidelines - Elementary School**

1. Students are to dress, look, and conduct themselves in a way that will glorify God.
2. Clothing that is sloppy, overly baggy, or tight is not appropriate.
3. Any clothing associated with gangs, the drug culture, or other objectionable elements is prohibited.
4. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be worn over an approved shirt. No hooded sweatshirts are allowed. A light-weight jacket may be worn in the classroom.
5. All shoes must cover the toe and attach at the heel and have a non-marking rubber sole. Tennis shoes/running shoes/sneakers are recommended for elementary students. No sandals or flip-flops are allowed.
6. Coats and hooded sweatshirts may not be worn for classes and must be removed when in the building. Hats must be removed when entering the building.

### **Boys - Elementary School**

1. **Uniform pants purchased through Schoolbelles.**
2. **Uniform polo shirt purchased through Schoolbelles.**
3. Hair must be in a standard, conservative cut. It should be neatly combed, off the ears and collar, tapered in the back and sides, and at least one finger-width above the eyebrow. Artwork shaved into hair, ponytails, buns, and braids are not permitted. Hair may not be dyed, bleached, or frosted.
4. Shirts need to be tucked in neatly.
5. Socks need to be worn at all times.
6. A watch or medical identification items are the only acceptable jewelry for boys.

### **Girls - Elementary School**

1. **Uniform skirts or jumpers purchased through Schoolbelles. Skirts must still cover the knee when standing and sitting so please be sure to purchase skirts that will meet this requirement throughout the entire school year.**
2. **Uniform polo or blouse purchased through Schoolbelles.**
3. **Girls must wear shorts or leggings under their skirts if they do not purchase the skort version of the school uniform.**
4. Blouses, tops and sweaters must be loose and long enough so the midriff does not show at any time (when bending over, raising hand, etc.).
5. Socks or tights must be worn at all times.
6. Hair must be neat and clean at all times. Hairstyles should be feminine and hair color should be natural colors only.
7. No make-up in elementary. Light fingernail polish is acceptable. Jewelry must be moderate and conservative. Earrings may only be worn in the ear lobe.

## **Secondary Dress Code**

### **General Guidelines - 7th-12th Grade**

1. Students are to dress, look, and conduct themselves in a way that will glorify God.
2. Clothing that is sloppy, overly baggy, torn, sheer or tight is not permitted.
3. Any clothing associated with gangs, the drug culture, or other objectionable elements is prohibited.
4. Other than pocket-sized logos, clothing may not have pictures or writing.

5. Coats and hooded sweatshirts may not be worn in the classrooms and should be kept in the student's locker or designated coat racks/hooks. A light-weight jacket may be worn in the classroom.
6. Hats and sunglasses must be removed when entering any building.
7. No visible temporary or permanent markings or tattoos.

#### **Boys - 7th-12th Grade**

1. **Uniform pants purchased through Schoolbelles.**
2. **Boys in 7th and 8th grades, uniform shirts purchased through Schoolbelles are required.**
3. **Boys in 9th-12th grades are not required to wear Schoolbelles polos, but must wear shirts that have a collar that turns down. They must be buttoned except for a single button at the top and be tucked in neatly. Long sleeves may be rolled if they maintain a neat appearance. When worn with a tie, all buttons must be buttoned.**
4. Hair must be in a standard, conservative cut. It should be neatly combed, off the ears and collar and at least one finger-width above the eyebrow. Artwork shaved into hair, ponytails, buns, and braids are not permitted. Hair may not be dyed, bleached, or frosted.
5. All boys are to be clean shaven at all times. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear.
6. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be worn over a collared shirt.
7. Pants must have belt loops and a belt must be worn. Pants must be worn on the hips and not allowed to sag.
8. Boys should wear shoes that completely cover the foot (i.e. no sandals or slides).
9. Socks that well-cover the ankles must be worn at all times.
10. A watch, ring, and medical identification items are the only acceptable jewelry for boys. Cause/awareness wristbands must not conflict with the school's code of conduct and are limited to no more than 2 at a time.

#### **Girls - 7th-12th Grade**

1. **Uniform skirts purchased through Schoolbelles. Skirts must still cover the knee when standing and sitting so please be sure to purchase skirts that will meet this requirement throughout the entire school year.**
2. **Girls in 7th and 8th grades, uniform shirts purchased through Schoolbelles are required.**

3. **Girls in 9th-12th grades must wear a feminine, appropriate top. Blouses, tops, and sweaters must be loose and long enough so the midriff does not show at any time (when bending over, raising hand, etc.). Girls should wear a longer shirt tucked in underneath their top if there is any doubt in order to keep modest. Dressy T-shirts with an appropriate design (no cartoon characters) are acceptable. No crop tops, halter tops, shrugs, or cold-shoulders. Necklines should not exceed two inches below the collarbone. Sleeveless attire is only acceptable when worn with a sweater or blouse.**
4. Hooded sweaters (not sweatshirts) are acceptable but hoods may not be worn during class time.
5. Proper underclothing is required at all times and may not be exposed.
6. Shoes with a firm sole must be worn at all times. Beach style flip-flops are not permitted.
7. Hair must be neat and clean at all times. Hairstyles should be feminine and hair color should be natural colors only.
8. Make-up, nail polish, and jewelry must be moderate and conservative, not excessive. Ears may have three piercings, but no ear cuffs, wraps, plugs/gauges, or industrial bars.

#### **Casual Day Dress Code - 7th-12th Grade**

1. For an announced casual day, the following exceptions will be allowed. All other aspects of the normal dress code must be followed unless otherwise stated in this section.
2. Students may wear t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or jackets with logos, writing, or images that are consistent with the student code of conduct and the standards of the school.
3. Boys do not have to wear a collared shirt.

#### **Athletic Event Dress Code**

For students attending athletic events, the following exceptions to the dress code will be allowed. All other aspects of the student dress code must be followed unless otherwise stated in this section.

Students may wear t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or jackets with logos, writing, or images that are consistent with the student code of conduct and the standards of the school. Tank tops are not permitted as outerwear. Hoods may not be worn inside buildings.

Knee-length is defined as coming to the top of the kneecap when standing.

To ensure that clothing is not form-fitting/tight, dresses, skirts, pants, and shirts must have a minimum of one inch of fabric that can be pinched on both sides of the garment without stretching the fabric.

**Girls - all grades**

Girls may wear any of the following for attending athletic events:

- A. Loose fitting, knee-length skirt or dress. Does not have to be a uniform skirt. Denim skirts are allowed.
- B. Loose fitting sweat pants, joggers, or athletic style pants. No yoga pants, form fitting exercise pants, or pajama pants. Spandex may not be worn as an outer garment.
- C. Loose fitting, knee-length shorts.

**Boys - all grades**

Boys may wear any of the following for attending athletic events:

- A. Loose fitting pants. Does not have to be a uniform pants. Denim is allowed.
- B. Loose fitting sweat pants, joggers, or athletic style pants. No pajama pants. Spandex may not be worn as an outer garment.
- C. Loose fitting, knee-length shorts.