

DRESS CODE

The guiding principles for student dress are modesty, neatness, and appropriateness. The Dress Code is based on the Biblical requirements of modesty and separation from worldliness and is in harmony with the practical standards of Sumter Bible Church. Faculty and students should dress so as to present a neat, conservative appearance and not to call attention to the body. The administration makes final decisions regarding immodesty, worldliness, or excessive faddishness. Students arrive and leave dressed in accordance with the Code, unless their last period is physical education. Students must dress according to the Code any time they are on campus during school hours, whether they are attending class or are present for other reasons. This standard applies to PTF meetings, Awards Chapel, Open House, Commencement, etc.

Preschool & Kindergarten

Girls: Girls in K3-K5 may wear skirts, dresses, slacks, jeans, or mid-thigh length shorts or skorts. Dresses and skirts, including any slits, should be to the top of the knee, whether the girl is in a sitting or standing position. Socks or hose are required, and make-up is not allowed. "Beach shoes," flip-flops, and sandals are not acceptable.

Boys: Boys may wear long pants, jeans, mid-thigh length shorts, polo shirts, or tee shirts. Socks are required. Hair must be cut off the ears, eyebrows, and collar. Faddish hairstyles are not accepted (Mohawks, shaved sections, large afros, cornrows, etc.). Earrings (or pierced ears) are not acceptable. "Beach shoes," flip-flops, and sandals are not acceptable.

Grades 1 - 2

Girls: Girls in grades 1-2 may wear slacks, jeans, knee-length dresses, or knee-length skirts. Shorts are permitted if the student meets the entire dress code for grades 3-12 as described below. Dresses and skirts, including any slits, should be to the top of the knee, whether the girl is in a sitting or standing position. Socks or hose are required, and make-up is not allowed. "Beach shoes," flip-flops, and sandals are not acceptable.

Boys: Boys may wear long pants, jeans, polo shirts, or tee shirts. Shorts are permitted if the student meets the entire dress code for grades 3-12 as described below. Socks are required. Hair must be cut off the ears, eyebrows, and collar. Faddish hairstyles are not accepted (Mohawks, shaved sections, large afros, cornrows, etc.). Earrings (or pierced ears) are not acceptable. "Beach shoes," flip-flops, and sandals are not acceptable.

Grades 3 - 12

Girls: Girls in grades 3-12 wear solid-color traditional polo shirts or solid color oxford, button-down collar shirts (any color). Traditional polo shirts are slip-over shirts with two or three buttons and a collar. Only the top button may be unbuttoned. Slacks must be navy, black, or khaki and have inset pockets (no cargo-style pants or patch-style pockets) and be made of "khaki material" (not corduroy, denim, stretch, etc.). Slacks or shorts must be the traditional fit (worn on the waist, not on the hips). Skirts must be to the bottom of the knee (whether the girl is in a sitting or standing position) and must be navy, black, or khaki. Knee-length shorts are allowed if they are purchased from a supplier approved by the school (so all shorts will be uniform in fit and length) and must be navy, black, or khaki. "Beach shoes" and "flip-flops" are not acceptable. Sandals are permissible, but generally, those with a strap between the toes or no strap across the heel will be considered flip-flops or beach shoes and not be allowed. All outerwear must be solid color with no writing and no hoods. SCS "spirit wear" sweatshirts (with or without hoods) and lettermen jackets are allowed. For girls in grades 3-5, socks or hose are required. Shirts and pants should be loose fitting.

Boys: Boys in grades 3-12 wear solid-color traditional polo shirts or solid color oxford, button-down collar shirts (any color). Traditional polo shirts are slip-over shirts with two or three buttons and a collar. Shirts must be tucked in, and only the top button may be unbuttoned. Slacks must be navy, black, or khaki and have inset pockets (no cargo-style pants or patch-style pockets) and be made of "khaki material" (not corduroy, denim, stretch, etc.). Knee-length shorts are allowed if they are purchased from a supplier approved by the school (so all shorts will be uniform in fit and length) and must be navy, black, or khaki. Belts must be worn if the pants have loops. Baggy pants or shorts and other sloppy attire are not permitted. Hair must be cut off the ears, eyebrows, and collar. Faddish hairstyles are not accepted (Mohawks, shaved sections, large afros, cornrows, etc.). Earrings (or pierced ears) are not acceptable. "Beach shoes," flip-flops, and sandals are not acceptable. Boys must be clean-shaven, and sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the earlobe. All outerwear must be solid color with no writing and no hoods. SCS "spirit wear" sweatshirts (with or without hoods) and lettermen jackets are allowed. Socks are required for boys.

Miscellaneous

Hair color for all students must be natural. Unnatural colors are not permitted. Body piercing (except in the ears for girls) and visible tattoos (temporary or permanent) are not allowed. Some emblems are inappropriate and are not allowed on shirts, notebooks, lunch boxes, etc. Hats or caps are not to be worn in the buildings. Clothing that advertises other local schools (public or private) is not acceptable attire for our students while on campus at any time or away from school on school sponsored activities.