

Uniform Policy

Sarasota Christian School desires to prepare students for continued growth in their spiritual formation and to create an educational atmosphere that maximizes learning. Uniforms are worn to promote simplicity of style, school spirit, economy, and identity. Students shall be well-groomed and demonstrate respect, modesty, neatness and cleanliness. Extremes in hairstyles, makeup and dress including clothing torn or with holes should be avoided. This policy applies to every school day and begins at the time of arrival on campus.

Shirts/Sweatshirts/Coats

- Students must wear school approved apparel.
 - Collared polo uniform shirts with the current school logo and school colors must be worn Monday through Thursday, and purchased through the PTA.
 - Approved outerwear including sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets with the current school and/or athletic logo and school colors, may be worn any day of the week. Outerwear with the school logo is purchased through the PTA; outerwear with the athletic logo is purchased through the Athletic Department.
 - Approved spirit shirts and team shirts including collared shirts or t-shirts may be worn on Fridays as designated within *Uniform Policy Exceptions*.
- Undershirts with short sleeves may be any color; undershirts with long sleeves 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 wearing a winter coat must do so over school approved sweatshirts. 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 approved 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.
- All SCS apparel must be pre-approved by the director of communications.

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.

Shoes

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

Piercings

- With the exception of earrings, body piercings 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 purchased through the PTA.

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 and must meet all other expectations including being modest and covering undergarments. Requests by leadership and club groups for an out-of-uniform day for a specific cause must be made to the principal. Requests for any SCS spirit apparel must be pre-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 outerwear 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-wide auction projects, middle and high school student council special events/projects, and high school International Partnership 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.

Consequences for Uniform Violations

- Students out of uniform or in violation of guidelines will be required to change into a uniform provided by the school or a parent.
- On the third (and subsequent) dress code infraction, high school and middle school students will serve a detention.
- SCS administration holds the right to determine whether or not a student's dress or appearance is in agreement with the uniform policy or disruptive to the educational environment.