

South Charlotte Baptist Academy **Dress and Uniform Guidelines**

In every area of our academy, we try to maintain high standards and cultivate a spirit of excellence. This applies to spiritual and moral standards as well as academic. To accomplish this, we have set standards for the young people who attend this school. These rules are not designed to be difficult but to teach our young people respect for God, for themselves, for each other, and for God's Word. The support of every parent in this area is essential and appreciated.

All students are expected to dress neatly and modestly. All clothes must be loose fitting but not sloppy. These standards are to be followed at all school functions. Students will not be allowed into any school-related function unless properly dressed. For some events, dress may be modified at the discretion of the administration.

Personal hygiene, cleanliness, and good grooming are expected of all students. It is important for students to take care not to be offensive to those around them.

It is the responsibility of parents to see that their student maintains the standard of dress. If the dress code is not met, the student will be issued demerits, and the parent may be called to bring a change of clothing. The student may be prohibited from attending classes until the dress code has been met. The administration reserves the right to alter the dress code policies during the school year if a problem becomes evident that is not covered by our current policies.

South Charlotte Baptist Church & Academy is dedicated to honoring God and His Word. 1 Timothy 4:12 admonishes us to be examples in every area of our lives. As such, we believe appearance is a very recognizable part of our testimony.

These guidelines are based on the Bible principles of modesty, distinctiveness, appropriateness, and deference; they are intended to maintain standards that are above reproach and that are easy to understand and enforce.

THE PRINCIPLE OF MODESTY

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Timothy 2:9-10

Modesty means decency—not being showy or drawing attention to one's self. It means propriety in dress, behavior, and speech—not wanting to offend or lead others astray. Attire should not draw attention to physical features, but to one's countenance and Christ's purity and holiness. By his or her example in grooming, dress, and actions, each student should exhibit a lifestyle of godliness in thinking and living.

THE PRINCIPLE OF DISTINCTIVENESS

God created two distinct genders. Genesis 1:27 states, "Male and female created he them." By doing so, He purposely planned basic differences between them. These distinctions should not be altered and, in a society which is seeking to remove all such distinctions, we must emphasize those distinctions. Distinctively feminine apparel enhances a woman's appearance and communicates a sweet spirit. Distinctively masculine apparel communicates the manly roles of leader, protector, and provider.

THE PRINCIPLE OF APPROPRIATENESS

The word, *modest*, in 1 Timothy 2:9, also has the meaning of *appropriate* which means suitable, fitting, or compatible. Appropriate attire is modest, suitable, and fitting for the occasion. Certain types of clothing are appropriate for some activities but inappropriate elsewhere.

THE PRINCIPLE OF DEFERENCE

To show deference is to show consideration and respect for others. Attire is one of many areas where this principle can be practiced. While Romans 14 commands one not to judge, Christians are also to recognize that a weaker brother may still judge them. For this reason, one must choose to defer, submit, and yield personal rights in love and concern for others.

GENERAL GUIDELINES (*Most "General Guidelines" apply to K5 and above.*)

1. While we encourage families to purchase all their uniform clothing from Lands' End, uniform clothing (K5 and above) may be purchased from **any** school uniform vendor if it matches the selections in the Lands' End catalog.
 - a. Uniform items may be purchased online at www.landsend.com/school
 - b. Use school code: **900167826**
 - c. Other items, such as socks, lunch boxes, etc., are available for purchase on the Land's End website, but do not need to be purchased from Land's End.
 - d. **Students in K5 through high school must purchase their chapel uniform from Land's End.**
 - e. Clothing, such as skirts, must be "below the knee." *If you find an item listed for South Charlotte Baptist Academy that is "at the knee" or "above the knee," do not purchase it and inform the Academy immediately so that we might have that item removed. Note: Be sure that items fall "below the knee." Just because it is advertised as "below the knee" you should still make sure that it actually does fall below the knee.*
2. All shirts worn under the uniform shirts will be considered "t-shirts." T-shirts must be white and the sleeves of t-shirts may not be longer than the sleeves of the uniform shirt.
3. ***On campus, the students must wear uniforms only. All non-uniform clothing must remain in the student's locker/cubby during the entire day.***

OUTERWEAR

1. Outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets), **worn in the classroom**, should be of a solid color, matching the colors allowed for uniform polo shirts.
2. Outerwear does not need to be purchased from Land's End.
3. A stripe of a second color is acceptable knowing that it is sometimes difficult to purchase an entirely solid color item.
4. Outerwear may have a single logo/symbol (such as Nike, Adidas, etc.). Other logos and advertising should be avoided.
5. Bulky, full-size coats may not be worn in the classroom.

FOOTWEAR

1. Many types of shoes are acceptable with the exception of military boots, work boots, beach shoes, flip-flops, and Crocs.

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2. Dress/Casual shoes are preferred footwear for those students in grades 7-12. (Please see additional details in the Junior/Senior High Guidelines.)
3. Shoes should be in good repair.
4. No heels, on shoes, over one inch.
5. When socks or tights (for girls) are worn, they must be **solid** in color and *should not clash with the uniform. For girls, leggings may be worn but they must go all the way to the ankle and must be solid in color (navy blue, white, or black).*
6. For boys, socks should be worn at all times.

JEWELRY

Jewelry on girls should be tasteful, not excessive. Girls should wear no more than one pair of earrings at a time and only in the lower lobe of the ear. Boys should not wear jewelry.

Girls: We highly recommend that elementary girls not wear jewelry to school as it becomes inherently dangerous to them while playing on the playground, and there is the possibility of losing something valuable. Jewelry that is worn should be conservative and not distracting to the student or others.

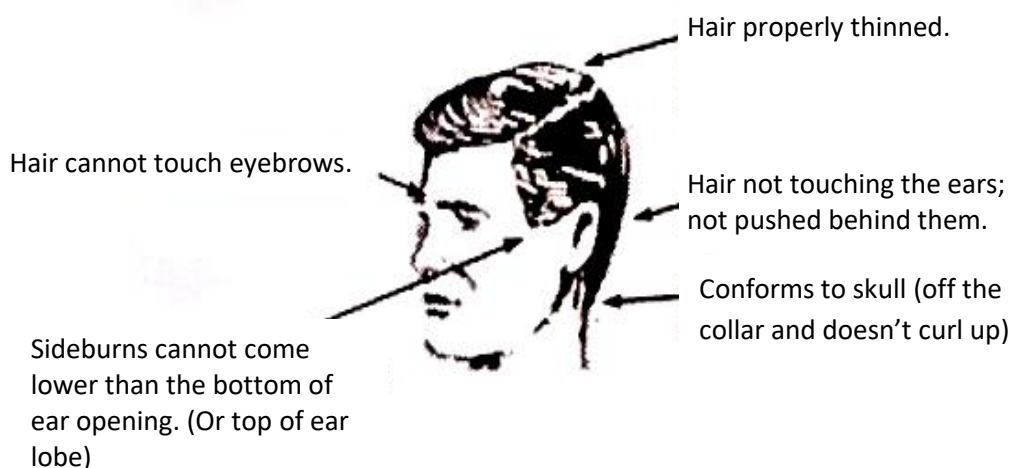
Boys: No jewelry such as necklaces, beads, bracelets, or earrings may be worn by any male student while at school or any school activity.

HAIR GUIDELINES

All hairstyles, both boys' and girls', should be neat and conservative. No excessive styles with regard to coloring, bleaching, spiking, etc. A student's hair should be its natural color.

Boys' hair should be cut and trimmed so that it will not touch the ears, eyebrows, or shirt collar. Hair should be cut and thinned (tapered) to contour to the shape of the skull in the back. There should not be any excessive styles such as shaved sides or tops and/or dreadlocks. Boys' styles are illustrated in the drawing. Boys are not permitted to have any facial hair. Those in 7th grade and above should maintain a clean shave. The administration reserves the right to determine if any haircut or style is acceptable.

Questions concerning hair styles should be asked before going to hair salon or barber shop and paying for a haircut that is unacceptable. (The following illustration is for boys only).



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PRESCHOOL DIVISION PK3-PK4 (*NON-UNIFORM*)

Girls and Boys:

1. Shorts or pants (*Skorts and jumpers may be worn by young ladies*). Tights (including “yoga” or work-out pants) are not to be worn without one of the previous items over top. Denim and cargo pants are acceptable for preschool.
2. ***Clothing items should be knee length and loose fitting (without being baggy).***
3. Solid color t-shirts and polos. This would mean that shirts should be free from characters and designs.
4. All clothing should be in good repair and fit properly.
5. Closed toed shoes with socks should be worn. (*Please see note in “General Guidelines” regarding shoes.*)

ELEMENTARY DIVISION (GRADES K5-6)

Girls: (Grades K5-4)

1. Evergreen, Hunter Gold, Navy, or White long or short sleeve polo shirts.
2. Blue or white oxford shirt (short or long sleeve)
3. Navy, khaki or white plaid jumper. Navy or khaki polo dresses.
4. Navy or khaki skorts
5. Chapel attire: Ladies’ white, long or short-sleeved Oxford shirt with white plaid jumper
6. **Skirt/Dress/Skorts styles chosen (from Land’s End) should be “below the knee.”**

Girls: (Grades 5-6)

1. All items listed above for girls (exceptions: no skorts or polo dresses)
2. Chapel attire will now require a plaid skirt, *instead of a jumper*, with dress shoes. (Evergreen knee highs optional). Ladies’ blue long or short sleeve Oxford shirt.
3. Plaid, navy, or khaki “box pleat” skirt
4. **Skirt/Dress styles chosen (from Land’s End) should be “below the knee.”**

Boys: (Grades K5-6)

1. Evergreen, Hunter Gold, Navy or White long or short sleeve polo shirts.
2. Chapel Day attire: White long or short sleeve Oxford dress shirt, gray pants (no shorts) and uniform navy/gold stripe tie.
3. Navy or khaki pants (*Gr. K5-3 may wear khaki or blue shorts until November 1st and then again beginning April 1st.*)
4. Belts are to be worn if article of clothing has belt loops. (*Solid color black or navy suspenders may be used in place of a belt.*)

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

Girls:

1. Solid White, Navy, Hunter Gold, Evergreen, or Pink long or short sleeve polo shirts (feminine fit polos are acceptable).
 - a. If a shirt becomes so worn as to become “see through” it should be replaced immediately.
 - b. Shirts should be tucked in at all times. (An exception would be made for the feminine fit polos.)
2. Navy, khaki or plaid box pleat skirt
3. Long straight khaki or navy blue skirt. (Slits must be in back and not go above the knee)
4. **Skirt/Dress styles chosen (from Land’s End) should be “below the knee.”** *Please see note in **General Guidelines** regarding the length of skirts and dresses.*

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5. Chapel attire: Ladies' blue long or short sleeve Oxford shirt with plaid box pleat skirt*.
6. Dress or dress/casual shoes are preferred for the classroom. No heels over one inch. Athletic shoes may be worn in the classroom but should be of a solid color (not a color that would draw attention to itself) and should be in good repair.

Boys:

1. Solid White, Navy, Hunter Gold, Evergreen, or Light Blue long or short sleeve polo shirts. If worn, undershirts must be white. Shirts should remain tucked in at all times.
2. Navy or khaki pleated or flat front uniform pants
3. Chapel attire: White long sleeve Oxford shirt, gray dress pants and navy/gold stripe tie*. (Seasonal option: Evergreen sweater vest)
4. Socks are to be worn at all times.
5. Belts are to be worn if article of clothing has belt loops. (*Solid color black or navy suspenders may be used in place of a belt.*)
6. Dress or dress/casual shoes are preferred for the classroom. Athletic shoes may be worn in the classroom but should be of a solid color (not a color that would draw attention to itself) and should be in good repair.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1. P.E. uniforms should be worn for physical education classes. This uniform should consist of the following (see photos for illustration):
 - a. Knee-length, loose-fitting, navy blue, athletic shorts
 - b. Medium grey t-shirt
 - c. White athletic socks
 - d. Athletic shoes
2. Dirty P.E. uniforms should not be left in a student's locker but, for hygienic reasons, should be taken home and laundered after each use.



*item must be purchased through Land's End

If you have any questions regarding the dress guidelines, please call the school office at (704) 544-READ.

Uniform guidelines and policies are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the administration of South Charlotte Baptist Academy.

The administration reserves the right to ask a student to change clothes or accessories if the item presents an unprofessional appearance, takes away from the unity of the school attire, or is deemed inappropriate.

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