



St. Cloud Christian School Standards of Dress and Appearance

The Bible teaches Christians to be careful and discreet about their inward attitudes as well as their outward appearance. Since the Bible does not set absolute standards in dress, we have established the following school standards for SCCS:

1. **Appropriate personal hygiene and grooming**, including clean hair and nails, is expected. If a student comes to school with less than appropriate hygiene or grooming, parent(s) will be called and asked to take the student home to clean up before returning to school.
2. **Clothing and jewelry is to be modest** and worn in a way that is not distracting to others. Students may wear shorts during hot weather, but all shorts, dresses and skirts will be modest in length—at least as long as the student's fingertips when arms are resting downward at the sides. Tops may not expose the midriff or be unbuttoned in an immodest manner. Halter tops, strapless tops, tank tops, and tops that are too low in the front or back may not be worn. Sleeveless garments right at the shoulder are permitted. Clothing may not be excessively baggy, skimpy, sheer, tight, or worn in a way that exposes underwear. Especially noted are excessively baggy/low riding/low cut pants. Parents are expected to monitor these standards. If any student does not adhere to the dress code, his/her parent(s) will be called and will be asked to bring appropriate attire, or the school may provide alternate items for the student to wear.
3. **Pictures, letters, symbols and other graphics** on clothing, notebooks, pins, stickers, downloaded or electronic material etc., must be in keeping with Biblical standards, Christian values, and policy standards of SCCS. Clothing with words or pictures that are questionable or inappropriate will not be worn, including pants with words written across the backside.
4. **Clothing and/or jewelry should not pose a safety hazard.** Tennis shoes must be worn for physical education classes. Large hoop or dangling earrings that could be accidentally pulled off during physical education classes or recess, pants that are so long that they become caught by shoes, or loose clothing or hair that might be in the way of a science experiment should be avoided. Elementary students (K-6) are not allowed to wear flip-flops.
5. **Caps, hats, scarves, hoods and other head coverings** (boys and girls) worn to school may not be worn while indoors. Body piercing (other than the ear) and tattoos are unacceptable. Make-up, if used, must be minimal and tastefully applied.
6. **If any clothing is questionable, it should be avoided.** SCCS reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any article of clothing, hairstyle, or item brought to school. The decision of the administration is final.
7. **Boots and snow pants must be worn (or brought to school) by students in grades K-3** from the first snowfall until snow has melted, so that students can play outdoors during the winter months. Since weather can change quickly, winter attire, including jackets, mittens and hats must be brought every day, regardless of the weather report.