

# DRESS CODE 2013-14

Each student is expected to be neat, clean, and well groomed in a moderate and modest manner, and to reflect a Christian decorum. If any family has difficulty finding appropriate clothing for school, please contact the office for suggestions as to where to find them at a reasonable cost.

## Footwear:

- Shoes or sneakers are safe and appropriate school footwear.
- No sandals or sandal-like articles may be worn.
- Shoes that come off easily or slippery-soled shoes are unsafe and not allowed.
- Shoes with built-in wheels are not allowed.

## Shirts for Boys and Girls:

### Permitted

Polo style with sleeves and a fold-over collar

NOTE: For extra warmth, students may wear a button-up sweater or zippered sweatshirt (including hooded sweatshirt) on top of an approved polo-style shirt.

- The sweater/sweatshirt needs to open completely in the front of the garment. (In other words, the buttons or zipper must go from the top of the garment to the bottom.)
- The sweater/sweatshirt may be unbuttoned/zippered or not, but the polo-style shirt must be clearly visible.
- Jackets and coats will be reserved for outdoors and may not be worn inside the classrooms.
- Long-sleeved t-shirts or turtlenecks worn under polo-style shirts will continue to be a cool-weather alternative.

NOTE: Any top MUST cover the waist at all times. (This means that no skin should be visible when leaning forward or backward, or when the arms are above the head.)

### Not Permitted

Collared shirts that are not polo style

Hoodies without full zippers

Inappropriately unbuttoned or unsnapped shirts (1-3 buttons may be unbuttoned depending on the shirt design)

Any top with a low neckline (no cleavage can show)

Any type of armed forces, hunting attire, or camouflage

Any clothing that represents:

- Alcohol, drugs, or abused substances
- Extreme fads
- Violence
- Rock and roll music or music groups
- Movie themes and/or logos
- Foul language
- Sexual innuendo
- Any representation of any kind that does not reflect Christian values and decorum.

## Pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses:

- Both boys and girls may wear slacks, including jeans, if they are in good repair and not tight fitting.
- Jeans that are baggy and hang low are not appropriate for school wear.
- The waistbands of skirts, shorts, and pants shall be worn no lower than the waist.
- Shorts, dresses, or skirts shall be no shorter than four inches above the knee.

## Miscellaneous:

- Cut-offs or any clothing with ragged edges or tears is not allowed.
- Only solid (not sheer) one-piece bathing suits are appropriate swimwear for girls.
- Use of excessive cosmetics will not be allowed.
- Any S.V.A.E. touring group (such as band, hand bell ensemble, or choir) may have further requirements for members when performing and/or on tour.
- All students must wear the S.V.A.E. red field trip shirt to attend any field trip.

NOTE: These guidelines apply to clothing worn for PE classes and at recess, as well as any other part of the school day.

## Adornment:

At SVAE we stress the inward beauty that is possible with Christ.

- Earrings, rings, necklaces, and other unnecessary items of adornment must not be worn.
- Make-up and nail polish of a natural appearance may be worn only by girls in grades 5-8.
- Hair should be well groomed, of a natural color, and presentable. Furthermore, the boys shall maintain their hair length above the shirt collar, above the eyebrows, and so that part of the ears is visible.

## Consequences for Non-compliance:

- If a student is not dressed according to the dress code, the student will be required to call the parents to bring appropriate clothing. If the parent is unable to do so, the student will remain in the office for the school day.
- Students who are not compliant with the dress code for a second time will be required to wear attire from an approved uniform vendor until the end of the next grading period (7 week minimum).