



Summit Christian Academy Dress Code Policy 2022-2023

Dressing per established school standards is an important part of education at Summit Christian Academy (SCA).

In review of SCA parent surveys, faculty/staff feedback, and school board approval, SCA agreed with these models:

- **Elementary Dress Code (PreK-6): Dress for Success**
- **Secondary Dress Code (7-12): Business Casual**

Biblical Standards Behind the Dress Code:

- SCA dress should help develop Christian character and reflect our separation from the world (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1, 1 Tim. 2:9, 10, 1 Peter 3:3, 4). *Is it modest, promoting moral purity?*
- SCA dress should support our witness to the world as we are ambassadors of Christ (II Cor. 5:14-20, I Peter 2:12). *Does it support our Christian testimony of a changed, God-focused heart, and could it encourage others toward Him?*
- SCA dress should maintain the distinction between the sexes, recognizing that masculinity and femininity are beautiful and should be recognized and celebrated (Gen. 1:27, 1 Cor. 6:9,10).

Functional, attractive, modest, and neat clothing is the SCA standard!

Distracting, sensual, or unduly attention-getting clothing, including tight-fitting, baggy, or clothing made of see-through material, as well as conspicuously dirty, frayed, or torn clothing is not acceptable. Jeans reserved for “Spirit Days” only.

SCA APPEARANCE:

Physical Education (PE):

Twice a week, during scheduled PE classes, students shall wear the PE uniform: SCA red t-shirt/hoodie*, comfy sport pants or shorts to the knee, athletic shoes.

**If wearing a hoodie, the hood should be off inside the school building.*

Regular School Day - Boys:

- *Top:* Any solid color (no neon colors) dress/polo-shirt/crew neck; no large logos or graphics.
- *Bottom:* Any solid color (no neon colors) docker style pants/shorts.
- *Shoes:* Comfortable dress-appropriate shoes, sneakers are permissible. No light up shoes or wheelies.

Regular School Day - Girls:

- *Top:* Any solid color (no neon colors) polo-shirt/crew-neck; dress/blouse no lower than 4 fingers below the collar bone, and the appropriate size.
- *Bottom:* Any solid color (no neon colors) docker style pants, relaxed fit/shorts/skirts; loose-fitting, or and to the knee.
- *Shoes:* Comfortable shoes/sneakers/sandals, no high heels, no flip-flops.

Appearance for girls in the upper grades, if wearing:

- *Jewelry and earrings* - must not be distracting.
- *Makeup* - must look natural. No trendy colors or styles (no sparkling/shimmering eye shadow or blush).
- *Nails* - must be in natural colors.

Appearance for boys and girls:

Boys and girls' *hair* may not be of unnatural color or style.

- *Boys' hair:* business-type cuts, neatly groomed.
- *Girls' hair* must be modestly kept out of the eyes and face.
- *No tattoo* or facial piercings are permitted at SCA.
- *Sunglasses, hats, and hoods* may not be worn in school buildings.

Chapel Dress for Boys and Girls:

- *Top:* Solid color blouses/dresses (girls); dress shirts and ties (boys).
- *Bottom:* Solid color jumpers/skirts (girls); pants (boys).
- *Shoes:* Dress style comfy shoes.

Spirit Day - 1st Monday of the Month:

SCA red t-shirt, red polo-shirt, or red hoodie, modest jeans, or spirit day approved clothes; torn clothing are not permissible.

Field Trips and HS Service Projects:

Students may wear appropriate jeans (torn or tight clothing are not permissible) and a red SCA t-shirt/hoodie.

ENFORCEMENT: Random weekly check on student/class dress appearance.

RECOGNITION: Students will be recognized for an outstanding dress code (ODC) during the last Chapel of each month and annually.