

Southside Christian School Dress Code

2023-2024

A student's appearance should reflect the impression that formal learning is important enough to call for neatness in dress. Style in clothing should indicate a serious academic purpose on the part of the student. Our standards for dress and grooming are in keeping with the high Christian ideals which we seek to establish in those who attend Southside. The Bible says our dress should be modest (1 Timothy 2:9), not to be too elaborate (1 Peter 3:3-4), and that we should do everything in our lives for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). In other words, our clothing and the way we wear it should reflect our effort to please God.

The following guidelines do not attempt to embrace every conceivable situation in the realm of dress. The school reserves the right to make final decisions regarding any areas not covered in the dress code. Direct any questions about the intent or provisions of the dress code to the School Administration. Improper dress will result in the student being given a garment to wear over the improper dress. Continual dress violations will result in suspension or expulsion. If changes are made throughout the school year, these will be communicated to the parents.

Shirts	Students may wear: Collared Oxford or polo shirts Shirts are to be buttoned. Only the top button may be unbuttoned. Name brand logos should be small and no larger than the size of a fist. Sheer material or styles too form-fitting are not appropriate. Friday: Southside, Christian-themed, or solid t-shirts may be worn.
Outerwear	Students may wear: All zip-up and button-type jacket styles, including hoodies. Shirts fitting the dress code must be worn underneath coats, jackets, and sweaters. Use of jackets in the classroom will be determined by the classroom teacher.
Shorts/Pants	Students may wear: Pants and shorts that are neat, hemmed, and free of holes or frayed edges. Students in grades 6-12 may wear pants with holes at the knee or below. Shorts of students in grades K5-5 must be no shorter than 2" above the knee. Shorts of students in grades 6-12 must have a 7" inseam or longer. Fridays: Jeans and denim fabrics are allowed. Students may not wear: Sweatpants, pajama bottoms, spandex, jogging pants, cut-offs, short shorts, or athletic shorts during the academic school day. Leggings can only be worn with a dress or skirt no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Denim, except for Fridays.
Dresses/Skirts	Female students may wear: Dresses with attached sleeves and jumpers with appropriate shirts Dresses and skirts should be no more than 2 inches from the top of the knee.

Shoes	Shoes must be worn at all times. Tennis/running shoes are required for P.E. For girls, sandals are acceptable.
Hairstyles	Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and out of the eyes. Neatly groomed facial hair on males is allowed. Wild or extreme hairstyles or unusual hair colors are not allowed.
Accessories/ General Rules	Students may not: Have piercings (except girls' ears), gauging, or tattoos. If a student has a tattoo, it must be covered at all times. Wear earbuds/headphones, hats, caps, blankets, sunglasses, or bandanas while in the building during the school day. Wear clothing from or representing other local schools. <i>However, clothing representing other local church is acceptable on Fridays.</i> Wear clothing that doesn't conform to the student's physique by being too tight or excessively baggy. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.

Consequences of Dress Code violations:

- First Offense: Warning and change
- Second Offense: Consequences, change, and phone parents
- Third and thereafter: Consequences. Student will dress by dress code or face suspension.
- Above guidelines are subject to change at the faculty and administration's discretion.