

## Seeds of Faith Christian Academy Dress Code

**\*\*This policy is currently under review\*\***

The dress policy of SFCA is intended to provide parameters that allow students to express their individuality while at the same time not being distracting to others or interfering with the educational process. We believe what we wear reveals a great deal about our thoughts of ourselves and our thoughts toward others. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:39) and we are commanded – even in our liberty – not to cause another to stumble (1 Corinthians 8:9; Romans 14). Therefore, it is imperative that we are intentional in the attire we choose to wear.

Homeroom teachers are primarily responsible for making sure the dress policy is equitable and consistently enforced. While adherence to the dress code is expected, if a student is not following the policy, the following actions will be taken. Students who consistently violate the dress policy will receive increasing levels of disciplinary action.

1. The teacher will provide a written Dress Code Notice to the parents for minor concerns. The teacher will expect confirmation from the parent that the written communication has been received and that action to correct the concern will be taken. Parents who disagree with the notice should express their concerns to the [Principal](#).
2. The parents will be called to have the proper attire brought to school. The student will be excused from the classroom while waiting to change. The student will be responsible for all assignments, tests and quizzes missed.
3. If the dress policy continues to be ignored, a conference involving the parent, child and Principal will be scheduled.
4. Attendance is a privilege at SFCA. If it is determined that a cooperative attitude is not maintained in regard to this policy, this privilege may be discontinued.

### Girls' Attire

Clothing should be neat and clean. Girls may wear dress pants, casual pants (such as Dockers, corduroys or loose fitting colored jeans, but not blue jeans) and/or skirts as well as dresses. Girls must wear socks, footies, shoe liners or nylons.

Girls' clothing should be modest. Sundresses, sleeveless blouses or dresses, spaghetti straps, halter style or narrow/capped sleeves are not appropriate.

Shirts and blouses are to be loose fitting and not revealing. The front of the top may not be lower than three inches from the collar bone to the lowest point of the top. Shirts with tails must be tucked in and buttoned, with the exception of the top button. Girls' tops must be long enough so that the midriff is covered completely when both arms are raised above the head. Small designer logos are permitted on shirts. However, shirts with writing, pictures or graphics on them may not be worn. Girls may wear sweaters and sweatshirts, but not hooded pull-over sweatshirts.

Girls' dresses or skirts must come at least to the bottom of the knee. Slits must not be higher than the bottom of the knee as well. A slip should be worn under thin material. Skirts should be free from holes, frays or patches. Blue jean skirts may be worn that meet these criteria.

Pants with writing across the seat are not to be worn. Pants may not be dragging on the floor. Pants may not have holes, frays or patches. Pants must completely cover undergarments. Pants must be loose fitting. Legging type pants are not permitted. Blue jeans, camouflage pants, PJ pants and sweatpants may not be worn. Faded or worn material is not permitted. Belts must be worn with pants unless the pants have no loops.

Capri /cropped pants **may be worn from the first day of school until and including the first day of autumn and from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the school year.** Capri/cropped pants must be at least halfway between the knee and ankle in length. All rules in the above paragraph pertaining to pants also apply to Capri/cropped pants.

School approved shorts **may be worn from the first day of school until and including the first day of autumn and from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the school year.** The principal has the authority to allow shorts to be worn during other times should temperature conditions merit it. Shorts must be chosen from the school approved selections which can be found on the school website or at the school desk.

### **Boys' Attire**

Clothing should be neat and clean. Boys may wear dress or casual pants (such as Dockers, corduroys or loose fitting colored jeans, but not blue jeans). Baggy pants are not permitted. Pants with writing across the seat are not to be worn. Pants may not be dragging on the floor. Pants may not have holes, frays or patches. Pants must completely cover undergarments. Blue jeans, camouflage pants, PJ pants and sweatpants may not be worn. Faded or worn material is not permitted. Belts must be worn with pants unless the pants have no loops.

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Boys must wear collared shirts and they must be buttoned with the exception of the top button. Polo type collared shirts are acceptable. Shirts with tails must be tucked in and buttoned with the exception of the top button. Shirts that are hemmed and straight across the bottom do not need to be tucked in. Small designer logos are permitted on shirts. However, shirts with writing, pictures or graphics on them may not be worn.

Boys may wear sweatshirts as long as a collared shirt is worn underneath, with the collar showing. Pull-over hooded sweatshirts may not be worn. Sweaters may be worn without a collared shirt. If a sweater is a V-neck, a shirt (collared or not collared) must be worn underneath the sweater.

### **Jewelry**

Jewelry must be age appropriate and must not be a distraction. Girls are permitted to wear modest earrings. They may not wear more than two earrings or clips in each ear. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Other than earrings for girls, no other body art or piercing is to be worn. No more than 2 necklaces for girls may be worn. No more than 1 necklace for boys may be worn. Pocket chains, dog chains, chokers, or spikes are not permitted.

### **Hair**

A student's hair should be clean and neat. Hairstyles should be modest. Hair may not be unusually dyed, streaked or colored. Excessive hairstyles (including but not limited to mowhaks, fohawk (faux hawk), spiked and shaved heads) will not be permitted. Girls' hair accessories should be modest and complement her attire. Boys' hair should be no longer than the bottom of the shirt collar with at least ½ of his ears showing. In front, the hair must not touch the eyebrows. Male students are expected to be clean-shaven at all times.

### **Make-up**

Make-up is permitted for Jr. and Sr. High School girls only. Girls may not wear heavy make-up. Make-up must be applied moderately and be natural in appearance. Girls may wear nail polish however; a Gothic look is not permitted. Tattoos or other body art (marker or pen drawings or symbols) are not permitted for boys or girls. Boys may not wear nail polish or color their nails with marker or ink.

### **Shoes**

Clean tennis shoes are permitted. They must be laced to the top and tied. Shoes must be tied at all times. Shoes without backs, flip-flops, beach shoes or high heels are not permitted, except for the following circumstances. Students are permitted to wear sandals with a back strap and without socks, nylons or footies from the first day of school up to and including the first day of autumn and from the first Friday in May until the end of the school year. Heelies (shoes with roller skates) are not permitted.

### **Outerwear**

Overcoats, jackets or hooded sweatshirts may not be worn to or during class unless the teacher has determined it to be exceptionally cold. Hats are not permitted to be worn inside the building. Students should dress warmly when it is cold.