

## **FIRST SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

*"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2*

*"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12*

We believe that what is put on the outside reflects what is within. Our purpose as a Christian school is to encourage others. What we wear sends a message to those around us. Let us resolve that the message will be positive.

Parents are the most important key to making this successful. Please ensure that your child is in compliance with the dress code before leaving for school in the morning. The uniformed dress code is focused on modesty, neatness, and respect, while allowing each student freedom for individual taste and expression.

### **General Precepts**

- All clothing should be neat, clean, and in good repair. (No cutoffs, pants, shorts or skirts with holes or frayed hems, and no spandex biker shorts allowed.)
- Hair should be clean, neat, and properly combed. (No hair coloring or bleaching.) Boy's hair length should be no longer than the top of the shirt collar and clean cut around the ears.
- Hats, sunglasses and gloves are not to be worn inside the building during the school day.
- Clothing is to be neither too tight nor too loose fitting.
- Shirts or blouses should be long enough to cover the student's midriff when performing routine activities at school (i.e. raising their hand or leaning down to pick up school supplies). All shirts are to be tucked in if designed to be (5 inches below the waistline).
- Moderate jewelry is allowed. Girls should use moderation. No body rings or earrings on boys. Facial jewelry and body piercing (except earrings for girls) are not permitted.
- No tattoos of any kind are permitted.
- The same general standards of conduct and dress required of students at school are also required of students on school-sponsored activities.
- Students must wear closed toe shoes or sandals with heel strap (no flip-flops or beach-style shoes)

- Anything that the school administration considers to be extreme or immodest in hair or dress style for either boys or girls will not be permitted.

### **Specific Guidelines -**

**Shirts:** Cotton or cotton blends collared polo with a buttoned front placket. Shirts must be solid colors. Tight fitting and/or sheer shirts are not acceptable. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops are allowed. School t-shirts may be worn on any day except Wednesday which is chapel day.

**Bottoms:** Navy, black, or tan cotton or cotton blend khaki-style pants, shorts, capris, skirts, skorts, or skirted jumpers. Bottoms must be of a solid color. Plaid skirts and jumpers are ok. Pants must fit appropriately and not drag on the ground. Bottoms may not be ripped or frayed. Tight fitting bottoms are not acceptable. Shorts must be longer than the student's fingertips when arms are placed at their sides. No jeans, stretch pants, yoga pants, leggings or jeggings are allowed. Shirts must be tucked in and if the pants have belt loops then a belt must be worn.

**Wednesdays/chapel:** Boys may wear dress shirts, dress pants, and ties. Girls may wear dresses or skirts as long as they are of appropriate length. Dresses must cover shoulders and not be low cut.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- ***Girls must wear shorts under dresses or skirts. No see-through clothing allowed.***
- ***No light up shoes are allowed.***
- ***No apparel or any items with skulls are allowed.***

### **Dress Code Violations**

Minor **infrequent** offenses such as having a shirttail un-tucked will receive a verbal warning.

- **1<sup>st</sup> offense** - Dress code violation form being given and must be returned to the office the next school day signed by a parent.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> offense** - A second occurrence of the same or similar violation will result in a parent phone call from the office. The parent will be required to bring the proper item(s) to school before the student will be allowed to return to class.
- **Repeated violations will result in a parent conference.**

These consequences are per semester.