

# **SCS Student Dress Code Hand Book 2025-2026**

SCS's Dress Code is intended to reflect the schools stated aims to honor God, disciple students in the Biblical principles of modesty, decency, and propriety. It can also be cost effective for families and help streamline busy mornings when getting kids dressed and out the door. It will foster school spirit and help promote the good news about SCS in our community. The faculty and staff retain the authority to determine the appropriateness of a given student's attire. The Administration also reserves the right to grant a limited variance to these regulations for special purposes, such as SCS sports programs and physical education classes, special dress days or other instructional exercises, provided that the schools dress standards are upheld. All elements of the Dress Code are in force (and may be enforced) on the SCS campus from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM each day of the school week. While Dress Code enforcement will be limited to school days, provisions and standards relating to modesty and decency should be respected by the students and are enforceable by the faculty and staff anywhere on the campus as well as at all off-campus, school-sponsored events.

All students (K-8th) are required to wear uniforms as determined by SCS during the school day. Uniform requirements are detailed throughout this document and unless noted otherwise, are required to come from a SCS approved vendor. All items found on the approved vendor's website (currently Lands' End) are allowed to be worn at school.

There will be a special grace period that will be extended upon written request of a parent considering extenuating circumstances up to the first 3 weeks of school during this transitional year of adding uniforms at SCS. Please email [amontoya@shepherdchristianschool.org](mailto:amontoya@shepherdchristianschool.org) to make a request.

## **General Dress Code Guidelines for all Students**

The general dress code guidelines are applicable to all students. They are as follows:

Hair for boys and girls must be clean and neatly groomed.

**SCS** official logo must be added to all polos and shirts worn in class. (The logo is available through Lands End for selection when ordering your uniforms) It is also available on sportswear and outerwear but not required.

## **Hair Accessories**

All girls may wear solid white, or winter green (secondary: white, winter green, black, and gray) hair bands, bows, or ribbons. The plaid headband from Lands' End is also

acceptable. Spirit hair bows, as designed/sanctioned by the SCS administration, may also be worn.

Black, grey, winter green and white leggings and tights may be worn with skirts, skorts, jumpers, etc.. Leggings must be solid in color and be form-fitting (i.e. not flared at the ankle unless uniform code.)

### **Belts/Ties**

Belts must be solid-colored black or solid brown leather or cloth. No ornamental decorations/hole patterns are allowed. Belt buckles must be less than 2 inches in diameter.

### **Modesty**

Dress shirts/blouses must be unbuttoned no lower than the button just below the top button. Shirt sleeves may not be rolled up any further than just above the elbow. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not permitted except as part of official athletic uniforms.

Shirts/blouses must be tucked inside the lower body wear *even when worn underneath outerwear*. The exceptions to this rule include the Lands' End's girls' straight-cut bottom blouse and polos and the boys' and girls' dri-knit shirts that are specifically designed to be worn untucked. When wearing shirts designed to be untucked, the shirt must be long enough so as to fully cover the stomach, even when arms are raised. All lower body wear must be worn at or above the hips—no low-rise jeans, low-rider pants, “sagging” etc.

Girls: shorts, skorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (patella bone). Boys: Shorts and cargos must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (patella bone).

Undershirts, if worn, must be solid white or gray in color. Black is also acceptable for middle school students. Solid white turtlenecks may be worn under other SCS approved shirts during cold weather.

Modesty shorts must be worn under all skirts and dresses.

### **Outerwear**

SCS Lands' End or SCS-approved Spirit Day outerwear may be worn in the classroom. This includes sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, windbreakers, and SCS logo jackets. No other winter wear may be worn during class hours unless severe weather or extenuating circumstances warrant the wearing of this apparel.

All outerwear must have a SCS approved uniform polo underneath.

### **Designated Spirit Wear Days**

Administrators may deem specific days when jeans are permitted to be worn. Students must adhere to the guidelines published regarding the appropriateness of jeans.

Any student undergoing disciplinary sanctions may be ineligible for participating in “Spirit Wear Day.”

General guidelines stated above must be followed on “Spirit Wear Day” unless otherwise authorized by the Administration.

The SCS uniform may be worn on “Spirit Wear Day.”

On “Spirit Wear Day,” lower body wear may include any of the SCS approved jeans or sweat pants, khaki, black, grey or plaid uniform bottoms.

Acceptable upper wear on “Spirit Wear Day” includes SCS-approved Uniform apparel, SCS-approved Booster Club apparel, or SCS-approved Student Club, Class, or event apparel. (Note: Any student group wanting to wear its event-designed shirt during “Spirit Wear Days” must have it approved beforehand by the Administration.) Spirit wear worn on Friday is not required to be tucked in.

### **Dress Code Guidelines for Students Attending A la Carte Classes**

Acceptable upper wear includes SCS-approved Lands' End apparel, SCS-approved Booster Club apparel, or SCS-approved Student Club, Class or event apparel. Spirit Wear is not required to be tucked in.

Lower body wear may include any of the SCS approved khaki or plaid uniform bottoms. SCS approved jeans & sweat pants may be worn on school spirit days. Students must adhere to the published guidelines regarding the appropriateness of jeans.

The SCS uniform may be worn.

### **Physical Education Class Dress Code**

Uniforms are not required for PE at this time but are available through lands end. Regular appropriate attire for PE is acceptable. Such as T-shirts, sport shorts, sweats, or even uniform as long as it is comfortable and modest. Girls must wear a skort and/or have shorts underneath any skirt.

## **Dress Code for Groups leaving Campus for School-Sponsored Activities**

All student groups leaving campus for school-sponsored activities will be dressed according to SCS dress code standards. Groups leaving for athletic practice or competition will be dressed in the specific practice uniform unless otherwise directed, the general SCS practice uniform, or the game uniform, unless the group is traveling for several hours to an away game, in which case "Spirit Wear Day" dress will be worn. Groups leaving campus for field trips, academic or extra-curricular competitions, college visitations, etc., on Monday through Thursday will wear the SCS uniform from Lands' End unless instructed otherwise by the teacher or sponsor. Groups leaving for these activities on Friday through Sunday may wear "Spirit Wear Day" dress. Under special circumstances, the administration may make an exception to this policy depending on the nature of the event and/or at the request of the sponsoring staff member.

### **Enforcement**

Students are asked to comply with the SCS dress code. Parents are asked to send a note with their student if extenuating circumstances arise that preclude complying with the dress code.

Dress code violations are considered a minor offense unless committed habitually. If a student fails to comply with the dress code, they will be addressed and may be subject to the disciplinary guidelines or may not be allowed to wear spirit wear or jeans for a certain period of time.

### **Uniform Purchasing**

Families may purchase uniform clothing items (upper and lower body wear) from Lands' End ( <https://www.landsend.com/shop/school/S-ytp-xe8>). Go to this website, choose Shepherd Christian School and set up your account. Your purchases from Lands End do aid in small scholarships given toward school programs and activities.

Uniform pants and shorts may be purchased from Old Navy, Children's Place, Walmart or Target along with leggings, socks, belts, shoes and PE attire. Any of these listed uniform pieces purchased outside of Lands End must be in accordance with SCS uniform colors and guidelines. All other clothing items ie: polo or dress shirts, dresses, skirts, cardigans, sweaters, sweat shirts, & spirit wear must be purchased through Lands End or directly from SCS Booster Club Apparel. All polos and visible uniform shirts are required to have the SCS logo displayed on them.

## **GIRLS UNIFORM APPAREL**

Lands End

- (REQUIRED) Skirts: White Plaid , no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- (REQUIRED) Polo Shirt w/logo: three-button polo (evergreen); (long or short sleeved)
- Skirts or Skort: Khaki , no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Polo Shirts: Green or white (Middle School Only: Black Polo)
- Middle school Only: black, three-button polo (long or short sleeved)
- Turtleneck: white, winter green, or black
- Peter Pan Collar Shirts
- Oxford Dress Shirt
- Girls White Plaid Jumper
- Short Sleeve Interlock Polo Dress
- Optional Pants: khaki, or black- choose from the following styles:
- Plain Front Slim Fit Stretch Chino Pants Khaki
- Plain Front Stretch Chino Pants
- Elastic Waist Blend Chino Pants
- Chino Shorts

Must Be Worn with an SCS POLO Underneath

- SCS sweater: V-neck pullover or cardigan with logo; (black or evergreen)
- SCS fleece: evergreen or black
- SCS crewneck sweatshirt: evergreen, black, or gray
- SCS hooded sweatshirt: black or evergreen

Other:

- Socks, tights, hose, and leggings: black, evergreen, white (one solid color, no pictures or patterns, no lace leggings, no visible seams)
- Accessories: Plaid Tie, Cross Tie, Headband
- Cartwheel Shorts

## **BOYS UNIFORM APPAREL**

Lands End

- (REQUIRED) Pants: Chino Pants (khaki)
- (REQUIRED) Polo Shirt w/logo: three-button polo (evergreen) (long or short sleeved)

- Polo Shirts: Green or white (Middle School Only: Black Polo)
- Turtleneck: white, winter green, or black
- Oxford Dress Shirt (long or short sleeved)

Must Be Worn with an SCS POLO Underneath

- SCS sweater: V-neck pullover or cardigan with logo; (black or evergreen)
- SCS fleece: evergreen or black
- SCS crewneck sweatshirt: evergreen, black, or gray
- SCS hooded sweatshirt: black or evergreen

Other:

- Brown or Black Belt
- Chino Shorts
- Socks, Tie

## **P.E. UNIFORMS / SPORTS & FITNESS - Lands End**

Only To Be Worn For: PE, Sports Events, School Spirit Days. May be worn for some special occasions or inclement weather (when notified by the school)

SCS P.E. T-shirts

SCS P.E. Shorts (must be fingertip length or longer and worn at the waist)

SCS P.E. Sweatshirt

SCS P.E. Sweatpants

SCS Spirit Wear