

Sandy Lake Academy

Dress Code Policy

Philosophy and Rationale

This policy serves to communicate a **student dress code that is** clear, fair, practical, and grounded in Biblical principles. Our dress code aims to provide a **school environment that is** spiritual, professional, and safe. All dress requirements are grounded in the foundational principles of *cleanliness (Isaiah 1:16)*, *order (1 Corinthians 14:40)*, *modesty (1 Peter 3:3,4)*, and *godliness (1 Timothy 6:6,7)*, respecting the *dignity of each student (Genesis 1:27)*. These principles are to serve as the foundation for the interpretation and enforcement of the student dress code by SLA administration, faculty, and staff. The SLA uniform is designed to foster a culture of unity and respect among our students and to counteract the pursuit of latest fashion trends, competition, or display of social status. It also exists to serve our parents by simplifying school dress choices for their children that are affordable and easily accessible.

General Dress Code Requirements

Clothing and Appearance

Because we value cleanliness and order:

1. **Clothing** is neat, clean, and free of tatters, stains or holes.
2. **Makeup** should look natural.
3. **Hair** will be neat, clean and not covering the eyes. Hairstyle is to avoid the extreme in colour and style and any tipping or highlighting should be subtle.

Because we value modesty:

1. **Tops** are not to be sleeveless, no spaghetti straps, *necklines* will not be low-cut or gaping, and *midriffs* will be covered.
2. **Underclothing** must not be visible.
3. **Shorts, pants, dresses** and **skirts** must not ride low on the hips or be excessively tight or revealing. Hems must reach the fingertips when arms are at your side.

Because we value godliness:

1. **Clothing** will not display writing or pictures which run counter to Christian principles and the values of the school.

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2. **Hats** and **hoods** may not be worn in the building. Head coverings which have a cultural or religious significance are permitted.

Jewelry and Accessories

Every student at SLA is a child of God who possesses inherent beauty of character from their Creator. The true measure of beauty is based on the condition of their heart (1 Samuel 16:7) and not from outward adornment (1 Peter 3:3 &4).

1. Only stud earrings may be worn. Hoops and dangling earrings, as well as any other visible non-ear piercings, are prohibited.
2. Necklaces to be tucked under clothing. Necklaces and bracelets are prohibited during Physical Education class for safety reasons.

Exclusions and Exceptions

1. Sleeveless dresses are permitted for formal events.
2. Field trip clothing requirements will be established and communicated by school administration/teachers prior to the event.
3. Club clothing will be permitted on days specified by school administration.

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School Uniform

The following standard of clothing is required at SLA:

	Boys	Girls
Standard Uniform	Wardrobe Beige khaki pants, or Beige khaki shorts <i>with</i> Navy blue polo shirt with SLA logo Navy blue crewneck, hoodie or zip-up (zip-up worn with SLA polo) with SLA logo Footwear Closed toed shoes in good condition and safe for use	Wardrobe Beige khaki pants/capris, or *Beige khaki skirt/skort/shorts <i>with</i> Navy blue polo shirt with SLA logo Navy blue crewneck, hoodie or zip-up (zip-up worn with SLA polo) with SLA logo Footwear Closed toed shoes in good condition and safe for use *leggings/tights to be navy blue or match bottom piece of clothing
PE Uniform	PE t-shirt with SLA logo <i>with</i> Navy blue or black sweatpants or shorts Athletic footwear	PE t-shirt with SLA logo <i>with</i> Navy blue or black sweatpants or shorts Athletic footwear