



## **DRESS CODE**

*(Updates for the 2011-2012 school year are in bold italics.)*

**Objectives:** The dress code at Sun & Shield Christian Academy accomplishes a number of valuable objectives:

- ◆ Training students to recognize appropriate and inappropriate attire based on Biblical guidelines and societal expectations;
- ◆ Instilling a sense of alliance by identification with fellow-students in the school community;
- ◆ Following a prescribed dress code helps de-emphasize fashion consciousness and diminishes tendencies to form socioeconomic cliques;
- ◆ Finally, our dress code strives to accomplish a neat and professional appearance to help create a positive impression of our students and our school within our community.

The following information contains the school's dress code with detailed guidelines.

Sun and Shield Christian Academy dress standards are Bible standards for dress (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Romans 12:1,2; 1 Corinthians 11:14; Colossians 3:17; Deuteronomy 22:5). We believe that the standards found in the Word of God are necessary for a Christian school such as ours.

The students and staff should have a godly and neat appearance at all school activities both on and off campus. Their physical appearance should in no way at any time reflect worldliness. Dress styles that are associated with "rock culture" and gangs are not permitted. *The final judgment will rest with the administration as to the appropriateness of the personal appearance of any student attending Sun and Shield.*

The dress code is divided into two categories: identification and modesty.

The first time a student violates a modesty rule, a warning will be given and if of serious nature parents will be contacted. For the second offense, parents will be notified and the student will be sent to the office to wait for the parent to bring appropriate attire. Any additional modesty offenses will result in the child being sent home with an unexcused absence. More than three modesty offenses in a semester will result in the child being put on behavioral probation. For identification violations (those rules that are enforced to maintain a high standard atmosphere), a student will receive a Parent Notification Form. Any further discipline will be based on SSCA's policy concerning accumulation of demerits and/or Parent Notification Forms.

Modesty violations include:

- \* Clothing that is too tight, too short, or too low cut;
- \* Clothing that displays lewd, "rock culture," or distinctly worldly logos, images, or writing;
- \* Sleeveless tops that do not meet the dress code;
- \* Splits in skirts that are too high.

All other violations are considered to be identification violations unless ruled otherwise by the administration.

**Adults:** It is important that good examples be set before the children. Anyone picking up students, or visiting our school facilities, is asked not to show themselves in mini skirts/shorts, halter tops, or tube tops. Should you be dressed in the above attire, please remain in your car. Let us all strive to be modest in appearance (1 Timothy 2:9a).

If a parent is coming on the property to volunteer, eat lunch, or spend time with their child, they should adhere to the dress code for the high school students.

**All Students:** No clothing may be worn with writing or commercial images (e.g. sports teams, product names, tourist locations, etc.) Clothes should neither be too small nor too large for students. Shoes must be kept tied and neat in appearance.

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## DRESS CODE (CONT'D)

### YOUNG LADIES

- ◆ Ladies must wear *a polo shirt or a loose button-up shirt* and a navy, black, denim, or khaki skirt.
- ◆ Loose-fitting culottes/gauchos/walking shorts may be worn in grades K-6, and during P.E. by ladies in 7-12. *These must not be form-fitting (i.e., slim/straight styles) but rather, very loose and skirt-like (i.e., A-line/flared).*
- ◆ All hemlines (and the top of any splits) must be at the bottom of the kneecap while standing and not to exceed the top of the knee while sitting.
- ◆ All tops must be long enough so that they do not come above the skirt when arms are raised.
- ◆ All blouses & dresses should be modest, not low-cut or tight fitting.
- ◆ Young ladies may wear sleeveless dresses/tops provided that the material extends to the edge of the shoulder and that the sleeve is tight enough that no undergarments can be seen.
- ◆ Jewelry should be worn in moderation, no more than two rings per hand, no more than two earrings per ear, no more than one necklace should be worn at a time, and no other piercing on the body should be seen.
- ◆ Hair should be cut and colored naturally and styled in a feminine manner.
- ◆ “Flip-flops” or beach style sandals are not permitted, and shoes should be neat in appearance at all times.
- ◆ **Wednesdays**
  - ◆ Ladies must wear skirts with tops or dresses that meet with the guidelines above, *in place of the uniform.*
  - ◆ Ladies in grades 7-12 may not wear denim skirts/dresses nor tennis shoes.
- ◆ **Fridays**
  - ◆ Ladies may wear *a polo shirt, button-up shirt, or a school T-shirt.*

### GENTLEMEN

- ◆ Gentlemen must wear *a polo shirt or button down shirts* and navy, black, or khaki pants.
- ◆ Elastic-waisted pants may be worn in grades K-4 only.
- ◆ Shorts may be worn in grades K-4 only.
- ◆ Dress slacks and corduroys are appropriate for gentlemen as long as they are not tight fitting, do not “sag”, and are kept in good condition.
- ◆ Gentlemen in K-6 may wear jeans. If jeans are worn, they must not have a ragged or dirty appearance.
- ◆ Gentlemen in 7th-12th must wear a belt. They may wear jeans on Friday, but they may not be cargo style, or too baggy, and must be worn with a belt.
- ◆ Shirts are to be buttoned completely with the exception of the top button at all times. They are to be tucked in, but not bloused, and no T-shirts or long sweatshirts may be worn as an outside shirt.
- ◆ Tank tops and sleeveless T-shirts are not permitted.
- ◆ Socks must be worn at all times.
- ◆ No sandals are permitted for gentlemen.
- ◆ Gentlemen may not wear hats, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and no more than one ring per hand.
- ◆ Gentlemen should never have to be told to get a haircut. It is the student’s responsibility to always be well groomed. Hair should be above mid-forehead, be properly thinned, and be trimmed around the ears. Sideburns should be no lower than the lower opening of the inner ear. The hair should not be styled nor colored in an eccentric fashion.
- ◆ **Wednesdays**
  - ◆ Gentlemen in grades K-6 may not wear denim.
  - ◆ Gentlemen in grades 7-12 are required to wear a dress shirt & tie (to be worn until lunch).
- ◆ **Fridays**
  - ◆ Gentlemen may wear a polo shirt, button-up shirt, or a school T-shirt.