

2009 - 2010

Modified Uniform Policy for Grades PreK-12

Students in grades PreK-12 are expected to maintain a neat, clean, well-groomed, and modest appearance. Since school life prepares students to take their place in adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students. The Starkville Academy Board of Directors has adopted the following modified uniform policy for daily school attire.

NOTE: Starkville Academy reserves the right to specify certain student dress for special occasions. The Administration has the final authority to determine interpretation of the Uniform Policy.

ALL CLOTHING must be solid in color except where a trim or piping is specified as being acceptable or a logo is acceptable. There may be no embellishments of any kind - no embroidery, appliqué, rhinestones, sequins, glitter, lace, ribbons, etc.

SHIRTS

All students will wear collared shirts from the designated vendor. These shirts will consist of polo shirts - short or long sleeved, Oxford button downs, tailored shirts for girls. Students may choose to have the SA logo on these shirts or choose not to do so.

- Any shirt worn under uniform shirts must be solid white.
- Boys' shirts must be tucked in.
- Girls' shirts must be tucked in unless designed to be worn out. (Midriff must be covered when arms are raised straight above the head).
- Undergarment must be tucked in.
- Top button only may be unbuttoned
- Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests, and Ponchos may not be worn in the building.

PANTS, CAPRIS, SHORTS, SKORTS, AND BLUE JEANS

- SOLID COLORS - **Khaki, Navy, or Blue denim**
- Dress pants, either plain or pleated front
- Fabrics commonly known as "chino", "twill", "corduroy" or blue "denim"
- Clothing must fit at the natural waist.
- Bottom hem or top of split must be no shorter than 6 inches above middle crease in the back of the knee
- **NO** cutoffs, overalls, wind suit pants, knit pants, sweatpants, or athletic shorts
- Blue denim jeans in basic, classic, or carpenter style

GIRLS' JUMPERS (*Basic or Classic in Style - No Overall Style*)

- SOLID COLORS - **Khaki, Navy, or Blue denim**
- Fabrics commonly known as "chino", "twill", "corduroy", or blue "denim"
- Must be worn with approved uniform shirt.
- Bottom hem or top of split must be no shorter than 6 inches above middle crease in the back of the knee

GIRLS' SKIRTS

- SOLID COLORS - **Khaki, Navy, or Blue denim**
- Fabrics commonly known as "chino", "twill", "corduroy", or blue "denim"
- Bottom hem or top of split must be no shorter than 6 inches above middle crease in the back of the knee

ACCESSORIES

- Belts must be worn with all clothing that has belt loops except for students in grades PreK-2.
- Girls' socks or tights must be in **one** of the following solid colors: **royal blue, orange, white, gray, or navy.**
- Shoes must be closed toed with secured heels. Flip flops, cleats, or house shoes may not be worn.
- Hats, caps, headbands, sweatbands, or bandannas may not be worn during the school day inside or outside except as part of an athletic uniform.
- Scarves, boas, or gloves may not be worn during the school day inside any building.
- Visible body piercing is prohibited except pierced ears for girls. Boys may not wear earrings.
- Unflattering or annoying accessories are not allowed.
- No visible tattoos, either temporary or permanent, are allowed. No sunglasses will be worn in the buildings other than for medical reasons.

The following regulations pertain to all students:

- All **clothing** must be clean, neat, hemmed, and size appropriate.
 - ✓ Clothes that have holes in them or are torn, ripped, or pinned are not permitted.
 - ✓ Short boot cuts are allowed only on blue jeans.
 - ✓ Clothing that meets guidelines stated above but is improperly fitted or immodest will lose its approved status.
- **Jackets and coats**
 - ✓ Must zip, button, or snap.
 - ✓ When worn as outerwear, must be long-sleeved and may be worn in any color or style.
 - ✓ All garments that are worn underneath jackets or coats must meet uniform standards.
 - ✓ The school vendor offers a jacket that students may or may not choose to purchase.

CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW UNIFORM POLICY

Grades PreK-12 (**per semester**):

- 1st Offense - Warning only
- 2nd Offense - Lose 1 recess (elementary) / break (secondary)
- 3rd Offense - 1 Day of after school detention
- 4th Offense - 2 Days of after school detention
- 5th Offense - Referral to administration, at which time additional measures to correct behavior will be assigned and a Disciplinary Plan of Improvement will be established to correct insubordination.

GROOMING

Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed.

- Any bizarre hair color or style will be deemed inappropriate.
- Boys' hair length will be no longer than the top of a collared shirt in back, no longer than the middle of the ears on the side, and no longer than the top of the eyebrows in front.
- Boys may not wear ponytails.

Boys must be **clean-shaven** at all times.

- No beards, mustaches, goatees, etc. may be worn.
- Sideburns may be no longer than the earlobe.
- **Consequences (per semester)**
 - ✓ 1st Offense - Will be made to shave at school during break and will receive a warning.
 - ✓ 2nd Offense - Will be made to shave at school during break and will receive 1 day of after school detention.
 - ✓ 3rd Offense - Will be made to shave at school during break and will receive 2 days of after school detention.
 - ✓ 4th Offense - Will be made to shave at school during break and referral to administration, at which time additional measures to correct behavior will be assigned and a Disciplinary Plan of Improvement will be established to correct insubordination.