

Uniform Guidelines

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 uniform policy for daily school attire.

Note: The administration has the final authority to determine interpretation of the uniform policy.

Uniform provider: Lands' End School Uniforms will be the sole provider for school uniforms; however, shorts and pants specifically (in traditional khaki and navy colors) may be purchased from any vendor.

Polos and Shirt Options: Color options for all polo shirts include cobalt blue, orange, heather gray, and white. Multiple fabric style options exist from which to choose for boys and girls. Girls also have a feminine fit polo option in addition to the unisex options worn by the boys. However, feminine fit polos do not come in orange. Long-sleeve options for all of the above items are also allowed.

All students are required to purchase at least one cobalt blue polo for the purposes of field trips or other school-sponsored activities, as may be directed from time to time.

Other shirt options available for students include Oxford long-sleeve shirts in white and blue. Female students can also wear short-sleeve Peter Pan collar shirts in white and blue.

Shorts and Pants (Boys): All shorts and pants must be traditional khaki or navy, but these specific items may be purchased from any vendor. No cargo shorts or cargo pants are allowed. However, there are options for students to choose from that include different fabrics for all ages and pants with adjustable waists for younger students.

Shorts, Pants, Skirts, and Skorts (Girls): All shorts and pants must be traditional khaki or navy, but these specific items may be purchased from any vendor. All skirts and skorts must be khaki, navy, gray, or blue plaid. Skirts and skorts may be hemmed, but these items must meet the existing school policy requirement for length (no higher than four inches above the back crease of the knee). All skirts and skorts must still be purchased from Lands' End only.

Jumpers (Girls PreK-4th): Jumpers must be khaki, navy, or blue plaid. All clothing items that are worn underneath a jumper must meet the school uniform policy.

Socks and Leggings: Only solid white, black, royal blue, navy, and gray socks and leggings may be worn with school uniforms. These items may be purchased from any store/vendor.

Outerwear: In order to be worn inside school buildings and classrooms, all outerwear pieces must either be purchased from Lands' End School Uniforms and have one of the "SA" logos or must be a school-approved item of clothing representing a specific school club, team, or organization.

Miscellaneous: All of the above items provide various options from which students may choose. While all clothing items must be purchased from Lands' End School Uniforms (with the exceptions noted above), the only specific article of clothing that is required is the purchase of one cobalt blue polo shirt. There are no other designated items or outfits to be worn for specific school days or events. Short or long-sleeve t-shirts worn underneath school uniform shirts must be solid white, black, royal blue, navy, or gray and may be purchased from any store/vendor. All shoes from any store/vendor are allowed that meet the existing school policy, which currently states that shoes must be closed-toed with secured heels. Additionally, flip-flops, cleats, house shoes, and shoes that light up or have squeakers or wheels may not be worn.

Accessories

- Belts must be worn with all clothing that has belt loops except for students in grades PreK –2.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, or bandannas may not be worn during the school day inside or outside except as part

- of an athletic uniform. Headbands that keep hair out of a female student's eyes are allowed.
- Boas and 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.
 - Clothing that meets guidelines stated above but is improperly fitted or immodest will lose its approved status.
 - All garments that are worn underneath jackets or coats must meet uniform standards. Boys in grades 3–12 must tuck in their shirts.
- Grooming
 - Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed, and sideburns may be no longer than the earlobe.
 - Any bizarre hair color or style may 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.
 - 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 and will receive 1 day of after-school detention.
 - 3rd Offense – Will be made to shave at school and will receive 2 days of after-school detention.
 - 4th Offense – Will be made to shave at school 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.
 - Any student with a hairstyle that becomes a distraction in class, as deemed by the administrators, may be sent home until compliance with school policy has been met.