

Uniform Dress Code 2017-2018 School Year

The Dress Code and uniforms of St. Croix Preparatory Academy (SCPA) build community and diminish the importance of external factors related to clothing. SCPA faculty and students are expected to dress in a way that aligns with our mission of maintaining a learning environment that focuses on the development of each student's academic potential, personal character and leadership qualities.

All SCPA students are expected to be in school uniform each day, except for the designated non-uniform days or spirit wear days. Neatness, cleanliness, and modesty should be observed at all times. Please see the modesty guidelines detailed on page three of the SCPA Dress Code. SCPA reserves the right to determine appropriateness of attire. Questions related to the appropriateness of a student's dress will be determined by the administration of SCPA.

Uniform Provider

Uniform clothing must be ordered through Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform (with the exception of shoes, socks, coats and other accessories). Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform offers a school contribution program that will give back 10% of all purchases to SCPA when uniform items are purchase through their dedicated website.

Ordering Information:

Website: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com>
School Code: STCR01
Phone: 1-877-825-2860 (Customer Service)

Grandfathering of Lands' End Uniform Items

Lands' End items which were approved in previous years' dress code are grandfathered in to the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Dress Code; however, these items must comply with modesty and condition guidelines laid forth in this current Uniform Dress Code.

Modesty Guidelines

Modesty is defined as the reserve in dress to prevent unintentional exposure of the body. It is recognized that there are varied opinions as to what constitutes modesty, therefore the following guidelines help define the expectations for SCPA students. **Violations of these guidelines will be treated as a uniform violation.**

- No underwear showing, bottoms are to be worn at the natural waist.
- No bra straps, or cleavage may be showing.
- No midriff may be showing.
- Outfits, both uniform or non-uniform, that are too tight and/or too revealing, including leggings, jeggings and other tight fitting spandex pants are not to be worn.
- The latest fashion or fad may not fit the dress code.
- *Bike shorts, or leggings, or tights under skirts are strongly encouraged.*

Dress Code Violations

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of dress code violations. Dress code violations will result in disciplinary actions, which may include but not be limited to:

- A verbal warning and parent notification
- Loss of non-uniform day and parent notification/and or detention
- Conference between parents/guardians, student and Division Director

Non-Uniform Days

Non-Uniform days will be scheduled throughout the course of the year. Students will be informed of non-uniform days

prior to their occurrence. Students must demonstrate neatness, cleanliness, and modesty in their appearance on non-uniform days. Clothing on a non-uniform day should not be a distraction to teaching and learning. SCPA reserves the right to determine appropriateness of attire. Questions related to the appropriateness of a student's dress will be determined by the administration of SCPA.

Non-Uniform Days

Additional Items

- Shirts must have sleeves or have another shirt over the top and must be modestly buttoned. Only the top button may be undone. No underwear, bra straps, cleavage or midriff may be showing.
- Skirts, shorts, dresses, skorts must be no shorter than 1" past end of longest fingertips.
- All other general SCPA dress code guidelines should be followed.

Spirit Wear Days

To enhance school spirit and build a closer community, SCPA will have days when students may wear spirit wear in lieu of their uniform. Spirit wear days will be scheduled throughout the year. The following guidelines apply:

- All previously issued SCPA spirit wear attire, athletic participation shirts and event clothing may be worn.
- Jeans (solid blue or black) may be worn otherwise uniform pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts are to accompany the Spirit Wear attire.

Opt-Out Provision

Parents or guardians may apply to the Division Director for full or partial exemption from the dress code in the following situations:

- A student's disability or medical condition which would substantially interfere with a student's ability to comply with the dress code
- A student's religious observation which would be substantially hindered by compliance with the dress code

Physical Education Uniform

Students in 5th-12th are required to wear a SCPA gym uniform. The uniform consists of a t-shirt and mesh shorts. The gym uniform is available at Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform. Students are required to have tennis shoes for class in all grade levels.

Dress Code Notes

Shirts

- All shirts must be buttoned modestly at all times. Only top button may be undone.
- Uniform shirts do not need to be tucked in. Uniform shirts may hang out under the uniform sweatshirt, sweater or fleece jacket and vests.
- No long-sleeve shirts may be worn underneath short-sleeve shirts.
- Undershirts under uniform collared shirts must be white.
 - Undershirts may not hang below the uniform shirt.
 - No print, lace or frayed shirts.
 - Peter Pan Shirt- No ruffles on collar.

Sweatshirts

- Current dress code sweatshirts/polar fleece only – no SCPA hooded sweatshirt or spirit wear.
- Must have uniform shirt underneath sweatshirt.

Jumpers / Skorts / Skirts

- *Bike shorts under skirts are strongly encouraged.*

- Uniform shirts must be worn under the jumper.
- Length, no shorter than 1" past end of longest fingertips.
- Leg Coverings (tights, socks, leggings)
 - Lower School - any color & print.
 - Middle and Upper School - Solid colors only: navy, black, gray or white.
 - Can be tights, nylons, leg warmers, footless.
 - No fishnets or full-lace tights/leggings.
 - No capri pants or pajama pants under jumpers/skorts/skirts.

Pants/Shorts

- All pants and shorts must be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform.
 - Note: THRU the 2018-2019 school year, 9th-12th grade pants may be purchased from any vendor but must be navy or khaki and have no more than 4 pockets. **All 9th-12th grade pants must be similar in style, color and fabric to Land's End uniform options.**
- *All K-12th grade shorts can be no shorter than 1" past end of longest fingertips.*
- No skin or underwear showing.
- No rolling/cuffing.

Shoes

- **Shoes should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention to the student.**
- No flip-flops.
- No heel height restrictions have been made, but the school reserves the right to make restrictions.

Additional Notes:

- Only Grades 9th -12th can wear navy shirts & khaki bottom.
- Only Grades 5th -12th can wear plaid skirts.
- Worn, damaged, faded or outgrown uniforms should be repaired and/or replaced.
- No letter jackets are to be worn in the classrooms except on spirit wear days.
- Hats and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in school except for special event days that specifically allow for these to be worn.
- All clothing, jewelry, make-up, hairstyles and accessories should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention to the student. Students may be asked to remove inappropriate accessories.
- **Specifically excluded accessories include: arm warmers, bandanas, or clothing ornamentation such as scarves and pins.**
- **Belts are acceptable only with bottoms that have belt loops and belts must be worn through the belt loops.**
- No tying shirts in the back.
- No gloves or mittens may be worn during school hours except for recess. No coats and non-SCPA sweaters/sweatshirts may be worn during school hours except for recess.
- No writing on arms, legs, faces or uniforms.