

# SDS 20 Code of Conduct – Dress Code for Grades K-8 (Revised) 4/17/23

## SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION

### Benefits of School Uniforms

The Brevard Innovative Charter School, Inc. School Board requires mandatory uniforms for all Pre K-8 students. There are many positive reasons for uniforms, including:

- Uniforms encourage students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievement, not outward appearances.
- Uniforms put the focus on a quality, well-rounded education where students are free from the distractions of fashion trends.
- Uniforms provide the opportunity to present a neat, serious, business-like image, a skill that will serve students well in the future.
- Uniforms create a school environment conducive to fewer discipline problems because students are not distracted.
- Uniforms can be less expensive in the long run.
- Uniforms minimize the visible socioeconomic differences between children.
- Uniforms enhance school safety.
- Uniforms create a sense of school pride and belonging.

This aligns with Sculptor’s vision of providing a “World Class Education” and positive culture of learning. Our students will be the professionals of the future. They must be prepared and able to adapt to the expectations of society. Therefore, they must learn to dress well, have self-respect and show pride for their school. This is a core belief behind our uniform policy.

The appearance of the student is the responsibility of the parent(s). Parents should ensure that their children come to school properly dressed. Adherence to the uniform policy is mandatory unless the principal designates a special day or occasion to promote school spirit and/or to improve school climate, e.g., spirit day, club day, special ceremony, etc.

All students Pre-K-8 are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school sponsored activity during the school day (including before and aftercare) and may be required to wear the school uniform on occasional overnight school sponsored trips.

Altering or defacement of the Sculptor logo is prohibited and is in violation of the policy.

Articles of clothing and/or accessories NOT LISTED in this policy are NOT considered uniform and may not be worn.

### The Uniform Dress Code does not allow for:

Clothing with colored trim, stripes, embroidery (except for the Sculptor logo), decorations, etc.

Overalls with pants or shorts, sweat pants, knit pants/skirts, leggings, spandex, tight fitting jeans, basketball shorts (except for Middle School PE), corduroy, denim material, cargo shorts/pants, or camping-type shorts/pants.

Shorts may not be rolled up to make them shorter.

Clothing that is torn, has holes, or is frayed.

Shirts that are too short to be tucked into the bottoms or that expose the abdomen.

On Dress down days, students may wear non-uniform attire and which may include the following:

- jeans/pants with tears or rips providing no rips are above mid-thigh (unless tights are worn under the jeans, covering the skin exposed by the rip/tear).
- leggings as long as their shirt/top reaches mid-thigh.

Body piercings, except for earrings on the ears. All other piercings must be removed.

Jewelry or accessories that may be used as a weapon, such as chains, spiked jewelry, dog collars, arm bands, large hair picks or any other jewelry/accessories that pose a safety concern.

Students may not wear outer garments or carry accessories that:

- Promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or have sexually suggestive content.
- Denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion or gender.

Clothing must be the appropriate size for the student, not oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. Students may not wear baggy/saggy pants. Pants must not extend below the heel of shoe in length.

## **Listing of Appropriate Clothing**

### **Upper Garments**

- Basic uniform upper garment is a Polo or Oxford shirt with Sculptor logo.
- All shirts must cover midriff, back and sides at all times; shirts should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.
- All shirts, Polo or Oxford, must be purchased from one of the school's contracted uniform vendors. **All shirts must have the Sculptor logo and be tucked in at all times.**
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved.
- Polo dresses are permitted and must be purchased from one of the school's vendors.
- Students in grades PreK-5 may wear red, white or navy blue shirts.
- Students in grades 6-8 may wear red, white, navy blue, or hunter green shirts.
- Oxford button down shirts may be white or light blue (all grade levels).
- Students may choose to wear a red, white, or navy blue long-sleeved shirt under a short sleeved uniform shirt in colder weather. Students in grades 6-8 may also wear a hunter green long-sleeved shirt under a short-sleeved uniform shirt.
- Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited.
- On any designated Dress Down day, the straps on sleeveless garments must be a minimum of

1 ½ inch in width.

## Lower Garments

The following types of lower garments are allowed: pants, capris, shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers. They can be purchased at one of the school's uniform vendors or in the uniform department of a retail store or online store. If purchasing item online or at a retail department store, then please check the above **"The Uniform Dress Code does not allow for"** list, which details what types of clothing are not allowed at Sculptor. Brand logos should NOT exceed one (1) inch. All lower garments should be regular "Uniform Style" which is branded as such vs. fashion clothing. **All uniform bottoms must be purchased through one of the approved uniform vendors.**

- Basic uniform is a navy blue, khaki or black lower garment that is a plain, with only traditional front pockets, "uniform style" garment.
- A belt must be worn if the garment has belt loops.
- Jumpers must bear the school logo and be worn with a uniform-style shirt.
- Shorts must be worn under skirts or jumpers.
- Shorts must be Bermuda style.
- When standing up, the length of skorts/skirts/shorts/jumpers/dresses may be no shorter than mid-thigh. Shorts under jumpers and undergarments should not show when a student is bending over or sitting.
- Socks and tights may only be red, white, navy blue, or black and solid in color without any name brand exposed.

## Outer Apparel

- Jackets, coats, sweatshirts, hoodies and sweaters must be of one solid color without any name brand exposed for wear both inside and outside of the building. Hoods may not be worn inside the building. Beginning in 2024-2025, all sweatshirts/hoodies worn inside the building must have a Sculptor logo.
- Students in grades PreK-5 may wear outer garments in red, white, navy blue, gray, or black.
- Students in grades 6-8 may wear red, white, navy blue, gray, black, or hunter green.
- Outer garments of other colors will not be allowed to be worn inside or outside of the school building or on school field trips.

## PE Uniform 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades ONLY

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to wear the Sculptor Charter School (SCS) PE Uniform. The PE Uniform for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a red Sculptor T-shirt and black basketball-type shorts, both printed exclusively with the SCS PE logo. The uniform is available for purchase from the School's PE Department. Replacement/additional uniform pieces may be purchased from the School, as needed.

## Shoes

- Shoes are required to cover both the toes and the heels of the feet and must be worn at all times. Shoes should not inhibit the student from performing required educational tasks/assignments.
- Students must wear tennis shoes (athletic sneakers) while participating in PE class.
- Footwear that is commonly considered “Beach Attire,” e.g. flip-flops, Crocs, etc., is prohibited.
- Boots: if worn with the school uniform, must be covered by uniform pants; if worn on a Dress Down Friday, may have pants tucked.

## Hair

- No designs or styles that will cause undue attention or distraction from the educational environment, as determined by administration, will be permitted. Symbols, shapes, or signs shaved into the hair are prohibited.
- Students may not wear feathers or any other dangling items from their hair or head.
- Hair colors that are ~~disruptive~~ non-natural are prohibited. Natural colors include blond, brown, black and auburn (red). Students planning to add red to their hair must consult with Administration for approval on the shade.

## Accessories

- Jewelry may not be heavy or distracting. Earrings should be studs or small hoops. Jewelry that dangles well below the ear lobe, such as large hoops, is not permitted. Pierced jewelry is limited to the ears.
- Hats, curlers, bandanas, or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are not allowed to be worn in the school building or on the school grounds. Sunglasses and hats may be worn outside.
- Accessories may not convey messages that are: crude, vulgar/profane, violent or death oriented (Gothic), gang related, sexually suggestive, or promoting alcohol, drugs or tobacco.
- If plastic or rubber bracelets represent a charity or local interest and have school appropriate messages, they may be worn.

## Violations

Violations of the student uniform policy are subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- **Violation 1:** A Discipline Referral Form will be completed and sent home with the student.
- **Violation 2:** A Discipline Referral Form will be completed and sent home with the student. The student will be sent to the office, meet with an administrator, and be required to call home to get the proper uniform clothing.
- **Violation 3:** A Discipline Referral Form will be completed and sent home with the student. The student will be sent to the office, meet with an administrator, and be required to call home to get the proper uniform clothing. The student will receive a consequence, which may include (but is not limited to) detention, Saturday school, in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension).

Occurrences will be tracked as disciplinary offenses.

**Exceptions to the uniform dress code shall be permitted when:**

- A student's parent/guardian requests a reasonable accommodation to address the student's religion, disability or medical condition. Such requests shall be provided in writing and submitted to the principal for approval; or if the wearing of clothing in compliance with the uniform dress code violates a student's sincerely held religious belief. Such student's parent/guardian shall submit a signed affidavit, setting forth the religious issues and the requested exception to the policy.
- If a student enters the School after the start of the school year, there will be a grace period of five (5) school days before being required to wear the school uniform.
- Students may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored event, as permitted by the principal.
- Club shirts and/or club jackets may be worn on Wednesdays.