

DRESS CODE POLICY

Vision & Purpose of the Dress Code

1. Our dress code promotes consistent modesty and appropriateness, free from the extremes of current fashion trends.
2. Our dress code fosters a sense of belonging and unity, helping minimize the impact of socio-economic differences.
3. Our dress code supports an atmosphere focused on learning by reducing distractions related to attire.
4. Our dress code ensures students are dressed safely and comfortably, prepared for both learning and playing.
5. Our dress code encourages professionalism by helping students present themselves in a manner that supports confidence, responsibility, and readiness to learn.
6. Our dress code is designed to reflect the Christian standards of SVA as we lead students to Know, Follow, and Share Jesus.

General Requirements for All Students (K-12)

- Clothing must be clean, neat, and in good repair – free from rips, holes, fraying, stains, fading, embellishments, patterns, stripes, contrasting trim, and free of name-brand logos or insignias.
- Clothing must be of appropriate size and fit – not excessively tight, not oversized, and must not expose the midsection when arms are raised.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- **Jewelry:** is not permitted at school, on the school bus, or while participating in any school-sponsored activity, whether on or off campus. Jewelry includes, but is not limited to earrings, nose rings, bracelets, wristbands, necklaces, rings, and chokers.
- **Hairstyles:** No extreme hairstyles permitted. Only natural hair colors are allowed.
- **Headwear:** No caps, hats, sleep bonnets, athletic sweatbands, bandanas, hair scarves or earmuffs/covers/bands are to be worn inside (unless explicitly permitted by administration).
- **Backpacks:** May be any color or pattern, but must be free of character-themed designs (e.g., cartoon characters, superheroes, video-game characters, movie or TV characters, political messages, social activism etc.)

Dress Code Non-Compliance

- Any dress code violation must be corrected before the student may return to class.
- Violations will be documented in FACTS.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted to bring the appropriate clothing to correct a violation.

- Students will wait in a designated area until the correction is made.
 - Students who miss class time while waiting are expected to:
 - Stay current with classwork
 - Submit any assignments due that day
 - Complete scheduled tests or quizzes
- Repeated non-compliance will be treated as insubordination and could result in additional disciplinary action.

Tops

Students must have a visible SVA logo on their top layer during the school day. Approved items are available through Land's End and the SVA Store.

Monday – Thursday: All students are required to wear an approved SVA embroidered shirt. Approved outerwear may be worn over the shirt, but it must also have an embroidered SVA logo.

Friday: Students are welcome to wear the regular uniform, SVA Branded, or other Adventist affiliated tops and outerwear. SVA branded tops must display the SVA name or logo. Approved items include class T-shirts/sweatshirts, SVA team sports apparel, SVA event shirts, club shirts, and sweatshirts, as well as apparel from Adventist affiliated institutions such as universities, Pathfinders, churches, Conferences/Unions, and Summer Camps, also Kettering Health and Kettering College.

Polos

- SVA embroidered logo
- Colors: Cobalt, Gray Heather and Classic Navy
- Short sleeve or long sleeve
- A long sleeve tee shirt may be layered under a short sleeve polo in corresponding colors

Oxford Dress Shirt

- Grades 6-12
- SVA embroidered logo
- White
- Short sleeve or long sleeve
- Must be tucked in
- Ties may be worn with oxford shirts, but they are optional
 - Approved ties: Gold stripe/Navy, Classic Navy Plaid, Classic Navy

Outerwear/Layered Tops

- SVA embroidered logo

- Crewneck Sweatshirt, Full-zip Fleece, Cardigan Sweater, Zip Front Sweater, and V-neck Sweater
- Approved colors (vary by style): Cobalt, Gray Heather, Classic Navy, Dark Charcoal, Pewter Heather, and Coal Heather
- Hopsack Blazer in Deep Navy, Grades 6-12

Bottoms

The following lower garments must be worn Monday-Friday, unless a casual/dress-down, theme, or jean day is announced ahead of time.

Expectations:

- Colors: Tan (Khaki) and Navy-blue **grades K-12**
- Blue denim **Kindergarten-5th grade only**
- Bottoms must naturally fit on the waist (no rolling or sagging)
- Good repair; No holes, rips, tears, fraying, patch pockets, cargo pockets, carpenter-style pockets, tool or utility pockets, hammer loops, or embellishments

Pants

- Tan (Khaki) or Navy-blue **grades K-12**
- Blue denim/jeans, **Kindergarten-5th grade only**
- Students may not wear leggings, athletic pants, or sweatpants
- Approved style: Traditional uniform trousers (chino-style pants) constructed of cotton, twill, or poly-blend fabric with a clean, professional appearance and traditional uniform tailoring, featuring welt, jetted, or inset back pockets (see approved examples below).

Straight



Bootcut



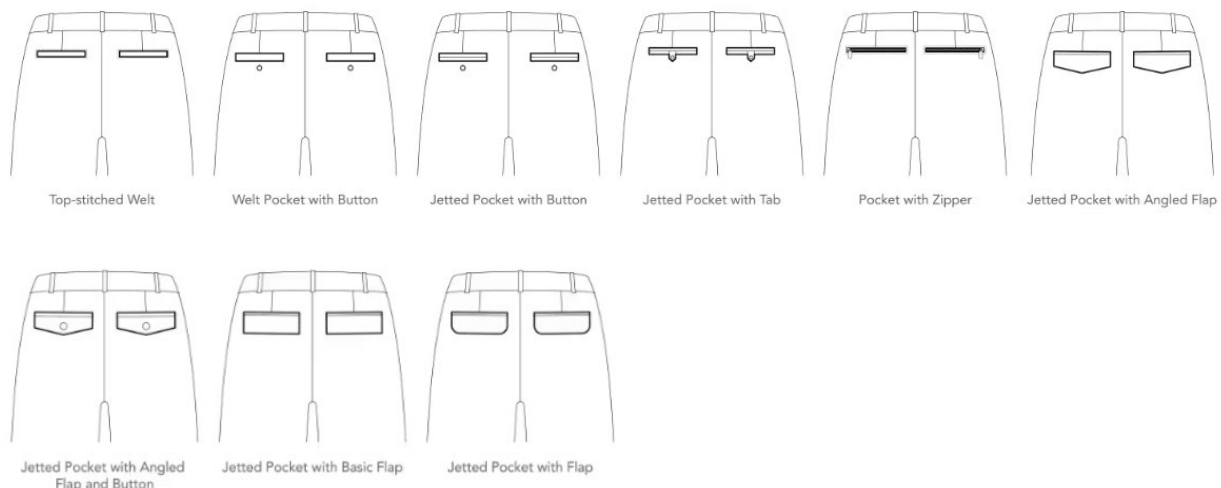
Flare



Wide-leg



Approved Back Pockets



Shorts

- Tan (Khaki) or Navy-blue **grades K-12**
- Blue denim/jeans **Kindergarten-5th grade only**
- “Bermuda” length (no more than three inches above the top-of-knee; finger-tip minimum length – to measure, a student should be able to stand straight, arms by their side, shoulder at a natural resting position, and their fingertips must not reach past the length of their shorts.)
- Approved style: Traditional uniform shorts (chino-style shorts) constructed of cotton, twill, or poly-blend fabric with a clean, professional appearance and traditional uniform tailoring, featuring welt, jetted, or inset back pockets (see approved examples above).

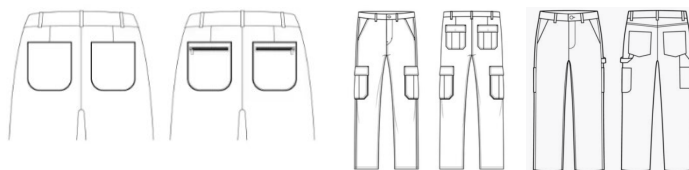
Skorts — Female Students Only

- Fall at “Top-of-knee”
- Tan (Khaki), Navy-blue, or Classic Navy Plaid

Prohibited styles/materials for all students:

The only exceptions are gym shorts and athletic mesh shorts, which are permitted solely for PE class.

- Leggings or athletic pants
- Cargo pants
- Carpenter pants
- Patch pocket pants
- Jersey or jersey blend fabric
- Athletic mesh/gym-short material (permitted only for PE shorts)
- Sweatpants or fleece material
- Spandex/Lycra



Shoes

- Grades Kindergarten-5 are expected to wear closed-toe, closed-heel sneakers
- Grades 6-12 are expected to wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes, with athletic shoes required for PE

Prohibited styles:

- Flip flops
- Slides
- Sandals
- Clogs
- Croc-style
- Shoes with wheels
- Slippers or moccasins

Uniform Ordering Information

Land's End – Spring Valley Academy School ID: 900190471

Select Signs – via the “SVA Store” link on the Spring Valley Academy website.

Formal Attire (Banquet, Class Night, etc.)

Dress Code for Female Students:

- Dresses must be screened and approved by the Dress Committee no later than one week prior to the day of the formal event.
- To ensure all attire meets event dress-code standards, students are required to submit a brief video/pictures of themselves wearing their proposed dress. The media must clearly show the dress in its entirety from both the front and the back.
- Dresses must be a flowing style/fabric that flow away from the body
- Length of the dress must be to the top-of-knee or longer
- Dresses must have straps
- Dresses with spaghetti straps must have one strap over each shoulder
- Off-the-shoulder dresses must have a built-in strap that goes over each shoulder
- Dress shoes
- **Resource:** suggested Amazon/Google search: “modest semi-formal/formal dresses”



Features That Will Not Be Permitted:

- Transparent, sheer, or skin-toned materials, including mesh, unless fully lined with solid, non-see-through fabric
- Visible cleavage (alterations should be made for appropriate coverage)
- Cutouts, openings, or holes on the midriff that reveal the area underneath
- Backs lower than the natural line of the bra strap
- No slits above the knee
- Bras and all bra parts (including straps and transparent straps) should be covered
- Styles that are so tight that they cling to the body and the dress rides up as the student walks
- No jewelry
- No visible tattoos
- No flip-flops, slides, crocs, athletic sandals

Dress Code for Male Students:

- Slacks, button-down shirt with sport coat; Tuxedo or Men's dress suit – optional but preferred

- Bow tie or regular tie – optional, but preferred; some events will require a tie, advance notice will be given
- Dress shoes
- Dress hats; fedora, Newsboy cap

Features That Will Not Be Permitted:

- Jeans or sweatpants
- T-shirts, tanks, muscle shirts or graphic tees
- Dress shirts that expose the chest
- Messaging (words, logos, images, etc.)
- Baseball caps
- Jewelry
- No visible tattoos
- Sneakers
- Flip-flops, slides, crocs, athletic sandals