

SBS Dress Standards:

Growing in wisdom and stature through the pursuit of Godly knowledge is daily employment for StoneBridge students learning to fulfill their providential place in God's work in America and the nations. The school is dedicated to an ethos that nurtures Christian character and scholarship. To that end, appropriate scholastic attire is important.

We trust that Stonebridge students, parents, faculty, and administration desire to please God and honor Him in all that we do. We believe that the dress code itself does not determine someone's level of spiritual maturity and that not all aspects of the dress code are based on Biblical principles, but may be based on school preference as well. However, we desire that students willingly comply as they learn to respect and submit to authority while learning to become more Christ-like.

Both *God's Principle of Individuality*, which says dress expresses individual taste, uniqueness, and character, and *The Christian Principle of Self-government* which says dress choices are best governed by Christ and His excellence, require that scholastic dress be neat, clean, modest, and appropriate to the task at hand and fit the body properly throughout the school day, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Recognizing that no dress code is perfect, we desire to have one that upholds our Ethos and provides ease of interpretation, compliance, and enforcement as much as is possible.

However, the personal and subjective nature of dress within such a liberal framework charges the faculty and administration with holding up the standard of appropriate scholastic attire. We depend upon all members of the StoneBridge community to uphold our ethos that nurtures Christian character and scholarship by consenting to follow and be accountable to their consent to this Dress Standard. As such, we encourage parents to insure that their children are in compliance with the SBS dress code, and that both parents and students willingly support the mentors and administration when judgement calls over interpretation are necessary.

Mentors will refer any students dressed in questionable attire to administration for a final determination. A good rule of thumb is, *if it is not endorsed in the standard below or seems questionable – don't wear it!*

YOUNG LADIES' STANDARD OF DRESS

Shirts or blouses or sweaters

- Opaque; not tight-fitting. Athletic style T-shirts and hooded shirts are not allowed. (Note: Any top that is sheer or transparent must have another garment underneath (camisole or tank top).
- Sleeveless blouses must have a 1.5-inch to 2-inch strap and must be modestly cut under the arm; otherwise, blouses must have sleeves. No undergarments may show.
- Neckline (or buttons fastened) high enough to ensure modesty in stooping and bending. No backless shirts or dresses are allowed.
- Midriff and lower back must be covered at all times.
- Sweatshirts (thicker, athletic sweatshirt material) may be hooded and plain or advertise colleges, class field trip city visited, or SBS. Any name or brand advertising or image must be very small and inconspicuous.

Pants and skirts

- Dress slacks, khakis, denim jeans, capris or skirts
- Waistband sits at the natural waistline; not tight fitting
- Pant hems must hit distinctly below the knee; Shorts and Bermudas are not permitted.
- Opaque; not tight-fitting skirts/dresses. No higher than three inches above the knee when seated or standing is a reasonable length guideline with slight allowances made if a student has opaque leggings underneath the dress (Note: Any skirt with a sheer or transparent top layer must have a recommended length opaque layer underneath). Shorts (i.e. tights/spandex) are recommended under dresses/skirts.
- Long shirts or tunics with leggings are not an allowable alternative to a dress/skirt with leggings.
- Skirt slit length should adhere to the skirt length guidelines.
- Spandex/Yoga pants or jeggings are not allowed.
- No undergarments may show.

Shoes

- Dress or casual-dress shoes or sandals; athletic shoes
- Socks must be matching.
- Rubber flip-flop style shoes are not allowed.

Coats

- Indoors, ladies' blazers and light jackets are acceptable (Note: Shirts under jackets must meet the dress standard.)
- Winter coats may be worn to and from school, between the buildings, and in the gym during lunch if necessary.

Chapel dress

- Non-denim dress or skirt; or dress slacks are permitted. Casual khakis and colored jeans (patch pockets) are not considered dress slacks (Note: All sleeveless dresses must fit the criteria above for blouses.)
- No hoodies or athletic jackets are permitted on chapel days.
- Dressier shoes (no athletic shoes)

YOUNG MEN'S STANDARD OF DRESS

Shirts

- Sleeved; opaque, no writings or pictures
- All shirts must either have a collar or several buttons at the neckline (i.e. Henley-type). Please see attached pictures for examples of accepted non-collared shirts.
- Shirts with straight across bottoms or very small rounded dips in the back are allowed to be untucked. If the shirt has a tail or looks like it is made to be tucked in, then it must be tucked in.
- Sweatshirts (thicker, athletic sweatshirt material) may be hooded and plain or advertise colleges, class field trip city visited, or SBS. Any name or brand advertising or image must be very small and inconspicuous.

Sweaters

- Sweaters or sweatshirts and pullover hooded sweatshirts must be worn with a dress code shirt; any shirt worn underneath the sweater or sweatshirt must be tucked in or must not show beneath the sweatshirt or sweater.
- Thermal shirts or long sleeve t-shirts are not permitted.

Pants

- Dress slacks, khakis, denim jeans
- If the shirttail is tucked in, pants must have belt loops and a belt must be worn.
- Waistband sits at the natural waistline and must fit properly (No tight-fitting pants or jeans are permitted.)
- Dressy Bermuda shorts are permitted. Shorts must be knee length, khaki-type material. *Please see the note on the next page.
- No undergarments may show.

Shoes

- Dress shoes; closed-toe casual shoes or closed athletic shoes

Coats

- Indoors, blazers and light jackets are acceptable. (Note: Dress code shirts are required under any button-up or zipped jackets.)
- Winter coats may be worn to and from school, between the buildings, and in the gym during lunch if necessary

Chapel dress

- Dress pants or khakis (no cargo style or other casual style pants; no patch-pockets; no colored jeans or corduroys; no shorts)
- Dress shirt with collar (dress vests or sweaters may be worn over the dress shirt)
- Dressier shoes (no athletic shoes) and socks
- No hoodies or athletic jackets are permitted on chapel days.

Hairstyle

- Must not touch the eyebrows or fall below the ear or mid-collar
- Facial hair must be kept neat and clean.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Items not conforming to the dress standard include: hats, sunglasses, men's ear piercing, and body piercings.
- All tattoos must be covered during the school day hours (8:00 am – 3:30 pm) and while participating in any SBS event, athletic game, or practice.
- Modest ear piercings are allowed for girls only.
- Natural hair colors are the only hair dyes permitted. No extreme hairstyles are permitted.
- Types of shorts that do not meet the standard are as follows: board shorts, bathing suits, cargo shorts, athletic shorts, jean shorts, cut-off shorts, rolled shorts.
- Each student is expected to dress in conformance with his/her biological sex.

Dress Standard Violations that need Redressing: Students who are not dressed in accordance with the dress standard will be referred to the office and given a warning to ensure proper communication and understanding of the dress code. Students not in proper chapel dress on chapel days, or who consistently violate the dress standard will be referred to the office for an administrative consultation. Parents will be notified to bring alternate dress for their student.

Students who miss classes while waiting in the office to meet with administration are responsible to get class notes and make-up work. If a student is scheduled to write a test or quiz at the time of a consultation, the administration may allow the test or quiz to be taken prior to the consultation.

Physical Education Dress Code: Students are required to dress for physical education in accordance with the written expectations on the course overviews.

Examples of Non-Collared Shirts that Comply with the SBS Boys Dress Code

