

Dress Code

The philosophy of STA is to educate and prepare students for whatever job or career they choose. Most positions require a uniform or professional attire. The overarching dynamic is not about everyone's personal preference when it comes to attire, piercings, or other styles in fashion, but to help students understand that their attire at school (or work) has a standard of expectation. To that end we are preparing them for a variety of professional careers.

Shirts: All shirts/blouses must be solid black, green, grey, or white and have a collar. A small logo, less than 1 inch, is acceptable. Official STA logo apparel (purchased at the school) are also acceptable and are optional/not required. On Fridays, students are also allowed to wear Sherman Thomas Charter School ("STCS"), Sherman Thomas Charter High School ("STCHS"), college/university, or military T-Shirts. Shirts must fully cover the torso from the waist to the collarbone.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts: All pants/shorts/skirts must be a solid black, grey or khaki, or blue denim. Fabric may be canvas or denim, and "cargo styles" are allowed. Waistbands must fall at, or above, the students' natural waistline. The hemline of skirts must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee. The hemline of shorts must be long enough to reach mid-thigh.

Dresses: Dresses must be solid black, green, or white and cover the shoulder. The hemline must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.

Shoes: Must have a heel strap.

Hats/Beanies: Must not present a distraction to learning (nothing deemed offensive, violent, or gang related). Only headwear worn for religious reasons may be worn inside.

Outerwear: All sweaters and sweatshirts must be solid black, green, white, grey or an optional official STA sweatshirt. Jackets (must have a full length zipper or other closure) must be black, green, white, grey, or a combination of any of those colors.

Athletic/Leisure Wear: Athletic and leisure wear is not acceptable. This includes, but is not limited to, athletic shorts or pants, yoga pants, leggings worn as pants, and pajama pants (any of these might be acceptable on a designated school activity day and students will be notified when these are acceptable ahead of time by STA staff).

All Clothing: All clothing must be solid (unless it is official STA logo apparel) and in good repair without rips, tears, holes, or fraying (either intentional or unintentional).

Hair: Hair can be no higher than 2 inches above the head and must not present a distraction to learning. It must be clean and brushed/combed.

Piercings: Students are allowed to have up to two earrings in each ear. Gauge earrings and facial piercings are not allowed. Students are not allowed to wear "spikes." All earrings, including hoops, cannot hang more than one inch below the earlobe.

Jewelry/Accessories and Make-Up: Attire, including jewelry/accessories that present a safety hazard or distraction to the educational environment are not permissible. Make-up must be worn as intended and not present a distraction to learning.

P.E. Attire: Students are allowed to dress out for P.E., but are NOT required to dress out (except shoes) and will be provided minimal time to change before P.E. Appropriate clothing includes a loose-fitting T-shirt, athletic shorts or pants (i.e. warm ups, sweats) in black, green, white, grey, or a combination of any of those colors. Please note that athletic wear must be long enough to cover mid-thigh. Students must wear completely closed shoes with laces. When temperatures during P.E. exceed 90 degrees, students will be expected to remove excessive outerwear (i.e. sweatshirts and jackets) for their safety unless a parent has communicated with us in advance.

Field Trip Attire: When going into the community, we are representatives of our school and wish to look professional. Typically, students are expected to wear a solid black, green, grey, or white collared shirt and comfortable/loose fitting khaki or black trousers. Field trip attire expectations, if different due to special circumstances related to the location of the event, will be communicated to families in advance.