



Q. Why does SSMS have a school uniform policy?

A. A uniform policy helps promote a sense of school pride and leadership, school safety, improve discipline, aids in resisting peer pressure, and enhances the learning environment.

Q. Are there any uniform exempt days?

A. School uniforms are not required on the following days:

- Spring school picture day (Fall pictures require uniforms)
- Special days throughout the year for school spirit celebrations (ex. literacy week)

Q. What if the uniform policy is not followed?

A. There is a progression of consequences for not adhering to the uniform policy. Students will be expected to change if not in the appropriate clothing.

INFRACTION	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	3RD OFFENSE	4TH OFFENSE
Violation of school uniform dress code	Verbal Warning	Written Warning with parent contact	Discipline Referral for Insubordination	Additional Consequences by Administration

Q. What kind of shoes are permissible?

A. Students may wear shoes within the SCPS dress code. Slides or backless shoes are not permitted as they are a potential tripping hazard.

Q. Do uniforms need to be worn for field trips?

A. School uniforms should be worn on field trips unless specific attire is required for a particular trip or activity.

Q. Is there an “opt out” option for wearing a uniform?

A. There is not an “opt out” option. In alignment with SPCS dress code and Florida Statute 1006.07, SSMS has worked collaboratively with our School Advisory Council (SAC) and PTSA to develop an agreed upon standard uniform policy.

Q. Can sweatshirts, hoodies, or jackets be worn?

A. Yes, but if the garment has a hood, it must be removed from the head while in school buildings. There are no color requirements for outerwear, but they must meet the general dress code (nothing offensive, suggestive, disruptive or indecent). Required dress code must be worn underneath.

Q. Can athletes wear team shirts on game days?

A. Yes, with administration approval.

Q. What if a new student transfers to South Seminole Middle School?

A. If a student enrolls at SSMS after the start of the school year, the student will have a grace period of five school days before being required to fully comply with the dress code.

Q. Are leggings or basketball shorts permitted?

A. If leggings are worn, they should be worn under mid-thigh skirts, skorts, or shorts. Basketball shorts are not permitted, with the exception of during classes that require this as dress attire.