



## Socrates Academy Uniform Policy

Uniforms will be worn at all times students are on campus and/or participating in school functions and activities during school hours. On inclement days, jackets covering the uniform will be allowed in the outside areas only. Additional non-uniform shirts or blouses will not cover uniforms. If a student's dress is considered inappropriate, the parents will be notified and asked to direct the student to comply with the dress code. All shoes and clothing must be clean, neat and free of holes or stains.

### **All Students**

- Khaki uniform bottoms for all children.
- All uniform tops must be collared for both boys and girls (oxfords, blouses, golf shirts or turtlenecks). Tops may be either hunter green or white and must have the Socrates Academy logo. Uniform tops will have no other garments showing under them. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Knit sweaters are permitted, must be hunter green or white with Socrates Academy logo, and may be cardigan, vest, v-neck, or crew styling. A collared uniform shirt must be worn under all sweater items. Hunter green fleece sweaters with the Socrates Academy logo are permitted but must be vest, v-neck or crew styling and cannot have a zipper. Zippered fleece jackets are not allowed in the classroom. Sweatshirt fabrics are NOT acceptable for uniforms.
- "Cargo" type clothing items are NOT permitted for girls or boys.
- No denim. No t-shirts. No sweatpants or sweatshirts/hoodies.
- Shoes must be closed toe and closed back and must be kept clean. Black, brown or white shoes are appropriate. A simple stripe, brand logo or design is permissible. Distracting elements such as lights, colored shoelaces, charms or beads are NOT appropriate. Shoes may NOT have cartoon or pop-culture characters, designs or insignias.
- Boots are not acceptable footwear for the classroom.

- Socks/tights must be worn at all times and must be solid white, hunter green, or khaki tan. No brand logos or prints.
- The Socrates Academy logo must be visible at all times on the uniform.
- Clothing can be logo'd at *S'cool Outfitters* in Mint Hill.
- All sweaters, outerwear, lunchboxes and backpacks/book bags should be clearly labeled with the student's name for identification purposes.

Accessories:

- No hats, bandanas, caps or other head covering are allowed indoors, except traditionally worn as a religious or cultural tradition.
- Students may not wear jewelry, buttons, or other items with words (except Socrates Academy insignia or logo).
- Undergarments must be worn but not visible. Undershirts and camisoles must be solid white or skin toned.
- Regular backpacks/book bags are acceptable. If a problem occurs due to a backpack and/or contents, a student may not be allowed to carry a backpack at school. Parents are encouraged to constantly monitor the contents and weight of the backpacks.

**Girls**

- Girls may wear solid khaki skirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts or slacks. Jumpers must have Socrates Academy logo. All shorts and slacks must be plain or pleated front, no cargo styling. Skirts and jumpers for girls must be minimum fingertip length or longer.
- The following bottoms are NOT permitted: capris, clam-diggers, leggings, sweatpants, miniskirts, jean-style, cargo-style or laced. All bottoms must be properly hemmed.
- Tops must be solid colored hunter green or white with collars and Socrates Academy logo. Sleeveless shirts and shirts with laces or zippers are NOT permitted. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Socks or tights must be worn at all times. Solid white, hunter green, or khaki tan is acceptable. Socks must rise above the shoe at least one inch. Knee socks are acceptable. No pantyhose. No brand logos.
- One pair of stud earrings is permitted in ear lobes.
- Hair is to be kept neat and out of the face.

## **Boys**

- Boys may wear solid khaki shorts or slacks. All uniform shorts and slacks must be plain or pleated front.
- The following bottoms are NOT permitted: sweatpants, jean-style, cargo-style or laced. All bottoms must be properly hemmed.
- Tops must be solid colored hunter green or white with collars and Socrates Academy logo. Sleeveless shirts and shirts with laces or zippers are not permitted. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Socks must be worn at all times and may be solid white, hunter green, or khaki tan. Socks must rise above the shoe at least one inch. No brand logos.
- Jewelry is not permitted.
- Hairstyles must be conservative and off the collar.

## **Dress Code Variations**

On designated days spirit shirts or “dress down” may be permitted. These special days will be announced in advance by the principal.

## **Dress Code Violations/Disciplinary Action:**

First Three Offenses: Verbal Warning. A note explaining the violation, with attached policy in full, will be sent home. Parent/guardian must sign and return to the school the attached acknowledgement within 1 week.

Forth-Sixth Offenses: The parent will be called and asked to bring the student the appropriate clothing or pick up the child from school until the child can return with the appropriate uniform. Each day that the student attends school without appropriate dress the parent will be called to either bring the appropriate uniform or bring the child home to change clothes.

After Sixth Offense: The parent will be called to pick up the student for the remainder of the day. These absences will be designated and reported as unexcused absences.

In all cases, the principal will make the final determination on dress code interpretation and adherence thereto.

A parent/guardian may request a confidential conference with the Principal to seek assistance and/or recommendations on how to meet the school dress code requirements.