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Introduction

Our community has a shared responsibility to provide a safe, secure, caring, and friendly school environment for all its members. This policy outlines the school's dress code policy for students, taking into consideration the cultural values and norms of the United Arab Emirates.

Definition

A school dress code is a set of guidelines defining acceptable attire and appearance standards for students. It outlines expectations regarding clothing, grooming, and personal presentation to promote a conducive learning environment, ensure safety, and reflect the SISD values.

Purpose and Rationale

The primary purpose of implementing a dress code policy is to cultivate a positive learning environment. By setting guidelines for appropriate attire, the policy aims to minimize distractions and disruptions in the classroom, enhancing students' focus and academic performance. Additionally, the policy fosters a sense of equity and inclusivity by removing barriers associated with fashion choices, ensuring that all students feel a sense of belonging within the school community.

The rationale behind the dress code policy encompasses various factors, including preparing students for future professional environments, promoting safety and security, instilling respect and responsibility, and minimizing peer pressure and bullying. By adhering to a dress code, students learn essential skills related to professional attire and standards, which are crucial for their future careers. Additionally, the policy addresses health and safety concerns by implementing regulations on attire that promote safety on school grounds.

- **Lost Property:** All uniforms, bags, water bottles, and other personal belongings brought to school must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class to facilitate identification and prevent loss. Students are not permitted to use trolley-bags or suitcases on wheels for school purposes, and bags must be of a size that can fit inside lockers provided by the school. Any unclaimed uniform items found in lost property, which are not labelled, will be designated for re-sale or donation after a specified period to ensure efficient use of resources and space.
- **Medical documents:** Parents are required to email a medical document to the Grade Learning Coordinator and Homeroom teacher in the event there is a medical reason the student is unable to meet the uniform expectations.

Cultural Dress norms in the UAE

In line with UAE cultural norms, SISD encourages modesty and respect for Islamic values in attire. Students should avoid overly revealing clothing and be mindful of offensive imagery or language. While traditional Emirati attire is not mandatory for non-Emirati students, its respectful adoption during cultural events is encouraged. Sensitivity to diverse cultural perspectives and adaptability in attire choices fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Uniform Supplier

Uniforms can be purchased from Zaks Store in Oasis centre. For more information, please visit Zaks' website: <https://www.zaksstore.com/>

Examinations

- During examination periods, students are required to continue to adhere to the school's dress code policy.
- The dress code for examinations is consistent with the standard dress code expectations and applies to all formal assessments, including but not limited to mock and final examinations.

Educational Visits

- During educational visits, students are expected to represent the school in a positive and respectful manner, including through their attire.
- While the specific dress code may vary depending on the nature of the visit, students are generally required to dress appropriately for the occasion, taking into consideration factors such as cultural sensitivities and the nature of the destination.
- Students should adhere to the guidelines provided by the school regarding dress code for educational visits and ensure that their attire is comfortable, practical, and suitable for the activities planned.
- Failure to comply with the dress code for educational visits may result in students being excluded from participating in the trip or facing disciplinary action upon their return.

Dress Code for Grade 6-10 students

Grade 6 -10 Regular Uniform

Boys	Girls
Red SISD polo shirt	Red SISD polo shirt
SISD grey trousers / SISD navy sports shorts	SISD Grey skirt / SISD navy sports shorts / SISD grey trousers
Red SISD jacket	Red SISD jacket
Round neck SISD PHE t - shirt	Round neck SISD PHE t - shirt

Guidance

SISD Uniform	Expected	Not Permitted
P O - O	Regulation issue SISD school polo shirt from Zaks	No Other Variations
Trousers	Regulation issue SISD school trousers from Zaks	No leggings No sports pants No other variations allowed
Skirt	Regulation issue SISD school skirt – Knee length from Zaks	Hems taken up above the knee or rolled up at the waist No other variations allowed
Shorts	Regulation issue SISD school shorts from Zaks – Knee length or must extended past fingertips when arms are placed down by your side	Hems taken up above the knee or rolled up at the waist No other variations allowed
Hair	Neat and tidy at all time Natural Hair colours only	Bright or vibrant colours
Make-Up	No visible signs of makeup.	Coloured makeup or any makeup that is immediately noticeable
Jewellery and Tattoos	Stud earrings 1 plain bracelet 1 plain necklace 1 plain ring 1 watch All Jewellery is to be flush with the skin and student may be requested to remove for safety in PHE and Design. Tattoos are not allowed	Facial piercings other than the ears Ankle bracelets Tattoos of any kind

Dress Code for Grade 11 and 12 students

Senior students are required to adhere to SISD guidelines by wearing approved business attire with professionalism and in accordance with corporate norms. As senior members of the student body, they serve as exemplary figures for younger peers, thus emphasizing the significant impact of their attire on the overall school atmosphere. Dress code expectations mirror those commonly observed in professional workplaces. Wearing professional dress is a privilege which can be revoked by senior leadership team.

Compulsory Items		
Trousers, Skirts, Dresses, Jumpers and Blazers: Either plain/one colour only, or predominately black, navy, or grey with understated, traditional pattern (herringbone, light pinstripe)		
Shirts: White/cream, pale/pastel colours only, either plain, with a light stripe, or with understated, traditional pattern. Polo shirts are acceptable.		
Male Students	Female Students	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Collared shirt or polo, short or long sleeved, suitable for wearing with a tie, to be tucked in.- Smart full-length trousers- Shoes, loafers, or smart trainers. Trainers must be one consistent colour, either all white or black.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Smart formal blouse or collared shirt, short or long sleeved but not sleeveless with a high neckline- Smart full-length trousers- Smart skirt, knee length or below the knee- Dresses, with capped, short of long sleeves and a respectable neckline, knee length or longer- Shoes, loafers, or smart trainers. Trainers must be one consistent colour, either all white or black.	
Optional (Male/Female)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tie, solid coloured, or with understated, traditional pattern- Plain belt with modest buckle- Long sleeved jumper or cardigan, finely knit- Jacket or blazer		
Jewellery, Piercings, Make – up and Hairstyles		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stud earrings- 1 plain bracelet, 1 plain necklace, 1 ring (flush), 1 watch- Make – up should be subtle and natural- Hair should be neat and tidy at all times, and hair colour should be on the natural colour spectrum.		
Not Allowed		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tight fitting or revealing items- Jeans/denim or denim like material- Leggings- Lycra or stretchy material- Skirts or dresses above the knee or excessive skirt slits- Sports clothing, clothing with hoods or sports trainers- Vest or tank tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bare midriffs and off – the – shoulder tops- Blouses with low necklines, slits or cut outs.- Polo, sports or sweatshirts.- Bold stripes, checks or patterns- Tops or ties displaying large logos, emblems, lettering or slogans- Shorts- T shirts, sweatshirts, collarless shirts for male students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- High heels- Open toe shoes, beach shoes, or flip flops.- Overly excessive hair accessories- Visible undergarments- Tattoos- Prominent nose or cartilage piercings- Bright or loud colours- Sheer tops or camisoles

Lanyards

Lanyard Requirement for G11 & 12 Students

- G11 & 12 students, who have opted for a business dress uniform rather than the standard SISD uniform, are required to wear lanyards at all times in accordance with the SISD Health and Safety and Safeguarding Policy.
- Boarding students are required to wear their boarding specific lanyard.

Procedure for Students Without Lanyards:

- In the event that a student arrives at school without a lanyard, they must sign for and borrow a lanyard from security or the pastoral team.
- Students must deposit their phone in exchange for the borrowed lanyard and will receive their phone back upon returning the lanyard at the end of the day.

Lanyard Provision and Responsibility

- The school will provide each student with a lanyard for their use.
- If a lanyard is lost, the student will be responsible for covering the replacement cost as per the school's policy on lost or damaged items.

Sports

PE and Sports Days

- SISD regulation sports shorts and regulation polo shirts for all grades.
- Sports footwear is mandatory for all PE lessons. *Open toe shoes or slides are not permitted.*
- All long hair must be tied back during all lessons and competitions.

Sports Team (Match Day)

- Student attend school in normal uniform and change into team kit after school

Swimming Days (KG1-Grade 5)

- School swimming costume (girls) or trunks and tops (boys).
- Goggles, swimming cap, towel and water shoes/flip-flops.

Hair and Accessories for PE

- Long hair must be tied back for safety and hygiene.
- Accessories should be simple, modest, and culturally appropriate.
- Excessive or distracting hair styles, makeup, and jewelry are not permitted.

- No hoop style earrings are permitted – Studs only

Footwear

- Closed-toe shoes are mandatory for safety.

Enforcement

- Teachers and staff will monitor compliance. Non-compliance will result in reminders and escalating disciplinary actions as necessary.

Consequences for non-compliance

Students attending school in culturally inappropriate uniform due to length or fitting will be immediately removed from lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family. The student will remain out of lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family. The school reserves the right to revoke the ability of students to wear selected school uniform items if not worn appropriately.

Escalation	Incorrect Uniform	Inappropriate Uniform
1 st Offence	Conversation with the student, logged on iSAMS with a follow up email to parents with an agreed timeline compliance	Removal from lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family , logged on iSAMS as an internal reflection day with a follow up email to parents with an agreed timeline compliance.
2 nd Offence	Removal from lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family , logged on iSAMS as an internal reflection day with a follow up email to parents with an agreed timeline compliance.	Removal from lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family, logged on iSAMS as an internal reflection day with a follow up email to parents with an agreed timeline compliance. Behaviour contract issued.

3 rd Offence	Removal from lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family, logged on iSAMS as an internal reflection day with a follow up email to parents with an agreed timeline compliance. Behaviour contract issued. Students right to wear selected uniform items is revoked e.g inability to wear the school shorts or professional dress	Removal from lessons until appropriate uniform is provided by the family, logged on iSAMS as an internal reflection day with a follow up email to parents with an agreed timeline compliance. Second behaviour contract issued. Students right to wear selected uniform items is revoked e.g inability to wear the school shorts

Linked Policies	Positive Behaviour Policy
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Appendices

Grade 6 - 10 Required Uniform Items



Grade 11 & 12 Business Attire

Male Students



Female Students

