

## South Buffalo Charter School Uniform Dress Code

**Logo uniform attire must be purchased at McKay's Clothing**

**All non-logo attire may be purchased elsewhere.**

*Any families that encounter financial hardship in obtaining proper dress code for their children please contact the school for assistance.*

McKay's Clothing  
851 Abbott Rd.  
Buffalo, NY 14220  
716-824-7900

Store Hours:  
Mon., Thurs. and Fri. 10-9  
Tues., Wed. and Sat. 10-6  
Sunday-Closed

The SBCS dress code is designed to encourage a clean, neat, and modest appearance that is in keeping with a serious intellectual atmosphere. It is the responsibility of each student/family to be familiar with the dress code and adhere to it on a daily basis. Dress code will be checked at the beginning of each day for grades K-4 and at the beginning of each period for grades 5-8 while attendance is being taken. If a student is discovered out of compliance with the dress code they will be required to remedy the situation immediately. If the apparel is not in school, they will be expected to call home to obtain the necessary dress code items. If there is no way to remedy the situation, the student will be issued a dress code infraction slip.

### JEWELRY (applies to all students):

The school will not be held financially responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

- Stud earrings in ears **only** (may be worn in gym as well).
- Hoop earring smaller in diameter than a quarter are OK. **Larger hoop earrings are not allowed for safety purposes.** No hoop earrings can be worn in gym.
- Appropriate, non-distracting jewelry may be worn, at the discretion of SBCS staff, except during PE class.
- No facial piercings

### HAIR

Hair should be kept neat and clean at all times. Exotic or distracting hairstyles, (such as mohawks, spikes, multiple colors, etc) are **not permitted**. Hair should not hang in any manner, which may obstruct the student's eyes and should be cut to at least eyebrow level. Parents will be notified and expected to immediately remedy any hairstyle not in compliance with the SBCS dress code.

#### GENTLEMEN MUST WEAR:

- Navy blue SBCS polo logo shirt
- **Only** white, blue or black undershirts may be worn under short sleeved or long-sleeved school polo. Undershirts must be tucked in.
- Belts, if worn, are solid black, brown, or tan **only**
- Khaki, blue or black dress pants (properly sized; must fit firmly around waistline)
- Khaki, blue or black dress shorts (Seasonal only: April 1-October 31)
- Plain or logo navy-blue sweater or sweatshirt (no hoodies) may be worn. Must be worn with logo shirt underneath and collar out.
- Solid color, white, navy, or black socks **only**
- Plain dress shoes in the colors of black or brown or solid white or solid black sneakers; no colored markings or shoelaces and the soles must match the sneaker color (may be worn all day)
- Students wearing dress shoes, must change into sneakers for gym classes
- Kindergarten students are permitted to wear sneakers with **no ties**

#### LADIES MUST WEAR:

- Navy blue SBCS polo logo shirt
- **Only** white, blue or black undershirts may be worn under short sleeved or long-sleeved school polo. Undershirts must be tucked in.
- Belts if worn are solid black, brown, or tan **only**
- Khaki, blue or black dress pants (properly sized; must fit firmly around waistline)
- Khaki, blue or black dress shorts/Capris (Seasonal only: April 1- October 31)
- Khaki, blue or black skort
- Skirt, dress or shorts must reach to the tips of your fingers when your arms are at your sides
- Plain or logo navy-blue sweater or sweatshirt (no hoodies) may be worn. Must be worn with logo shirt underneath and collar out.
- Solid color white, navy, or black socks/Solid color white, navy, or black tights **only**
- Plain dress shoes in the colors of black or brown or solid white or solid black sneakers; no colored markings or shoelaces and the soles must match the sneaker color (may be worn all day)
- Students wearing dress shoes, must change into sneakers for gym classes
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Examples of items/clothing which do NOT meet SBCS's Dress Code are:

- Cargo pants/shorts
- Jean material/Corduroy
- Drawstring waists
- Embroidery and/or jewels

- Leggings/Jeggings
- Sweatpants
- Elastic cuffs around ankles

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Sweatpants and gym shorts are **not** allowed
- Make-up: light natural coloring **only**
- **No** visible tattoos of any kind
- Purses, bags, and fanny packs are **not** allowed to be carried throughout the day
- Hooded sweatshirts are **permitted** on dress down days **ONLY**.
- Flip-flops, sandals, clogs, crocs or slipper-like and chunky/platform style shoes are **not permitted**. Shoes must have a back. Winter boots may be worn to school during inclement weather, but students must change into appropriate school footwear immediately upon entering the school building. School footwear may be kept in school to be changed into upon arriving to school.
- Clothing should be neat, clean, in good repair and sized appropriately. Any clothing that displays undergarments is **not permitted**.
- Hats, bandanas, and head coverings may not be worn indoors, except when in compliance with religious dress practices. Bandanas are not permitted, even when shaped as a hair tie.
- Students wearing certain attire for religious purposes must wear the appropriate uniform, as outlined, under or over their religious attire.
- Facial piercings are prohibited.

#### DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

**If a student is constantly out of dress code he or she will be subject to disciplinary action that range from verbally warning all the way up to an out of school suspension decided upon by the Administration.**

**A dress code infraction slip will be filled out for each dress code infraction. A copy will be sent home to notify parents/guardians. Copies will also be kept on record with the classroom/homeroom teacher and with the Behavior Intervention Specialist.**

#### SPIRIT DAYS

The last Friday of the month will be a spirit day. Students can wear their grade level color school t-shirt with appropriate dress down bottoms. SBCS will provide one t-shirt per student. If the shirt is lost or damaged, families can purchase a new one. If a student does not have their t shirt, they must wear their uniform shirt on spirit days.

## **DRESS DOWN DAYS**

During the school year, students can earn dress down days as a reward for perfect attendance or no uniform infractions. These days are a privilege and if dress down regulations are not adhered to by any student, that student is subject to disciplinary action and may have all remaining dress down day privileges revoked for the remainder of the school year or an alternate, appropriate consequence. Parents may be asked to bring in appropriate clothing for their child.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Students are required to wear their uniform bottoms and school spirit t-shirt for field trips.

**Examples of clothing which do NOT meet SBCS's Spirit Day or Dress Down Day attire are:**

- ripped jeans (no exposed skin)
- low rise jeans
- tank tops
- revealing tops (no exposed skin)
- any clothing with inappropriate messages
- sandals, sliders, slippers, flip flops, crocs or platform shoes
- hats
- pajama bottoms
- Skirt, dress or shorts must reach to the tips of your fingers when your arms are at your sides