

DRESSING & GROOMING STANDARDS

Clothing worn by SVA students should always be neat, clean, and modest. The clean-cut look will be expected rather than the faddish.

- Shoes or sandals must be worn when a student is out of the dormitory.
- Jewelry is not acceptable at SVA. Please do not wear items such as necklaces, bracelets, leather bands, chokers, rings, earrings, and similar items.
- Clothing should not advertise or reference rock groups, alcohol, cigarettes, etc. or have slogans or pictures that are offensive, or suggestive of a lifestyle out of harmony with Christian principles.
- Shorts should not be ragged or cut off. Hats and other head coverings are not permitted in any buildings and doo-rags are not permitted outside of the dormitory.
- Hair color must be of a natural shade and boys' hair length or style cannot be excessively long or extreme.

Girls:

Shorts - Boxer-style shorts are acceptable. At a minimum, short lengths should be long enough to reach the tips of the fingers when standing and arms are held straight at the sides. Tops must be long enough to cover the top button of the pants or skirt. Midriff shirts are not allowed.

Tops - Tops may be sleeveless, but straps must be at least 3" wide.

Necklines - should be modest in cut and should be no lower than the parallel line from the top of armpit to armpit front and back.

Sheer material should be avoided. Appropriate undergarments should be worn as to maintain modesty.

Dresses and Skirts - Hemlines should be no more than two-inches above the top of the knee. Slits or openings in skirts/dresses should be modest. Garment should not be tight or form fitting.

AD BUILDING ATTIRE:

- **An SVA school-logoed polo, oxford, or blouse** must be worn at all times while in classes, classroom buildings, library, the administration building, and lunch in the cafeteria. Approved polo colors are: navy, white, red, evergreen, yellow and pink. Each student must purchase at least one navy polo. If the sweater vest is worn, a school polo, oxford or blouse must be worn underneath. Oxfords must be tucked in.
- **Pants/Skirts** – All pants are to be docker style in a solid color: navy, khaki or black--no blue jeans or spandex. Clothes must fit properly—no tight, saggy or oversized pants/skirts will be allowed. Skirts must be purchased from SVA's supplier and must be no more than 2" above the knee.
- **Socks** - Girls may wear *solid-colored* socks, stockings or tights. No leggings of any length. *Information about SVA's School Attire and how to purchase on-line is available on the school website: www.shenandoahvalleyacademy.org.*
- **Consequences:** If a student is not in ad building attire, they will be asked to return to the dormitory (or home if village) to change into proper attire and will receive an unexcused tardy if missing classroom time to change. The student must bring a signed note from the dean upon return to class. If a student fails to return to class, an unexcused absence will be recorded.

CAFETERIA ATTIRE:

Ad building attire is required in the cafeteria during lunch on school days and is always acceptable at other meals throughout the week. At all other times, general dress guidelines apply. No tank tops, undershirts, sleepwear and half T-shirts are acceptable at any time. We ask students to wear Sabbath clothes to lunch on Sabbath; however, ties are not required for the guys.

SABBATH ATTIRE:

Guys -- Dress slacks, dress shoes, and a dress shirt are required attire for Friday vespers. Suits or sport coats with dress slacks, dress shoes, and a dress shirt with a necktie are required for Sabbath services

Girls -- Dresses, or skirts and blouses, must be worn to all Sabbath services, unless specifically announced by the Dean. Dressy pants outfits may be worn to Friday Vespers (no denim, docker-style, or spandex). No leggings of any length are allowed.

BANQUET ATTIRE:

Banquet and class dresses/skirts must adhere to the above guidelines, with the exception of a halter dress with a neckline and back no lower than the parallel line from armpit to armpit front and back. Dresses/skirts must be no more than 2” above the knee and may not be tight or form fitting.

All young ladies must have their dresses approved by the Dean -- No exceptions.

CLASS NIGHT ATTIRE:

Class night dresses may be strapless or halter-top as long as the neckline is no lower than the parallel line from armpit to armpit front and back. Consecration and Baccalaureate dresses must follow the general dress/skirt guidelines. All young ladies must have their dresses approved by the Dean -- No exceptions.

SWIMMING ATTIRE:

Only modest, one-piece swimsuits are to be worn in the pool area (and other SVA swimming events) and must be approved by the Dean. Two-piece swimsuits are not allowed, even if covered by a T-shirt. No cut-off pants are permitted in the pool.

To Our Community Students—

We expect each of you to follow the school dress code whenever you are participating in any school sponsored activity whether it is on or off campus, i.e. Vespers, outdoor church, field trips, Saturday night activities, etc. Please see the weekend update for required dress for planned activities.