

Sherman Thomas STEM Academy
Dress Code Policy

The philosophy of STA is to educate and prepare students for whatever job or career they choose. Most positions require a uniform or professional attire. The overarching dynamic is not about everyone's personal preference when it comes to attire, piercings, or other styles in fashion but to help students understand that their attire at school (or work) has a standard of expectation. To that end we are preparing them for a variety of professional careers.

Shirts: All shirts/blouses must be solid black, green, or white and have a collar. A small logo, less than 1 inch, is acceptable. Official STA logo apparel (purchased at the school) are also acceptable. On Fridays, students are also allowed to wear STCS, STCHS, college, or military T-Shirts. Shirts must fully cover the torso from the waist to the collarbone.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts: All pants/shorts/skirts must be a solid black, khaki, or blue trouser, cargo, canvas or denim and fall at, or above, the students' natural waistline. The hemline must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.

Dresses: Dresses must be solid black, green, or white and cover the shoulder. The hemline must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.

Shoes: Must have a heel strap.

Hats/Beanies: Must not present a distraction to learning (nothing deemed offensive, violent, or gang related). Hats and beanies are not allowed to be worn inside.

Outerwear: All sweaters and sweatshirts must be solid black, green, white, or an official STA sweatshirt. Jackets must be black, green, white, grey, or a combination of any of those colors.

Athletic/Leisure Wear: Athletic and leisure wear is not acceptable. This includes, but is not limited to, athletic shorts or pants, yoga pants, leggings worn as pants, and pajama pants (any of these might be acceptable on a designated school activity day).

All Clothing: All clothing must be solid (unless it is official STA logo apparel) and in good repair without rips, tears, holes, or fraying (either intentional or unintentional).

Hair: Hair can be no higher than 2 inches above the head and must not present a distraction to learning. It must be clean and brushed/combed.

Piercings: Students are allowed to have up to two earrings in each ear. Gauge earrings and facial piercings are not allowed. Students are not allowed to wear "spikes". All earrings, including hoops, cannot hang more than one inch below the earlobe.

Jewelry/Accessories and Make-Up: Attire, including jewelry/accessories that present a safety hazard or distraction to the educational environment are not permissible. Make-up must be worn as intended and not present a distraction to learning.

P.E. Attire: Students are allowed to dress out for P.E., but are NOT required to dress out (except shoes) and will be provided minimal time to change before P.E. Appropriate clothing includes a loose-fitting T-shirt, athletic shorts or pants (i.e. warm ups, sweats) in black, green, white, grey, or a combination of any of those colors. Please note that the hemline cannot be more than 3 inches above the knee. Students must wear completely closed shoes with laces

Field Trip Attire: When going into the community, we are representatives of our school, and wish to look professional. Typically, students are expected to wear a solid black, green, or white collared shirt and comfortable/loose fitting khaki or black trousers. Field trip attire will be included on all permission slips.