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Dear Parents and Students,

Research has consistently shown that the wearing of school uniforms has had a positive effect on student attitudes, student attendance and academic performance. A higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individuals, students, and others, and results in a higher standard of behavior. Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress during normal school days. Six Mile Charter Academy reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. Students are expected to follow these guidelines. **Every student in attendance shall wear a school uniform, purchased through the designated uniform company (Step Ahead Uniforms, www.gostepahead.com , the password is SMCA).**

New Students who start school during the school year are required to wear a royal blue Polo-type shirt. This shirt must be worn until all other uniform shirts are ordered and delivered. Khaki or navy blue pants, shorts/skorts must be worn until the purchased uniforms are delivered. ALL NEW students must make an appointment to order uniforms within 5 school days of starting SMCA. NO JEANS/DENIM except on designated "jean days".

Hair & Make-up: Hair must be neat and clean with no "unnatural" colors, i.e., fluorescent, bright green, Mohawks, spikes, etc. This is left to the administration's discretion. Blonde highlights are allowed. Hair that is distracting to the educational setting will not be allowed. Hats may be worn at recess and PE ONLY. No bandanas may be worn. NO make-up can be worn in school. Students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it in the nurse's office or a parent will be called to assist the student.

Shoes: Students must wear closed shoes at all times. No boots of any kind or shoes with metal tips may be worn. No stacked or pumped shoes may be worn. We recommend sneakers or flat dress shoes. NO roller-skate shoes allowed.

Socks: Socks must be worn at all times and **must** be white.

Shirts: All shirts **MUST** be tucked in and buttoned at all times. Shirts must be purchased from the designated uniform company. If undershirts are worn, they **MUST** be white.

Slacks/Shorts/Etc.: All uniform slacks/shorts/skirts/skorts/etc. are to be purchased from the uniform company. They must be worn at the waist with a belt and be in good repair.

Belts: A solid black or brown belt must be worn at all times with any article of clothing that has belt loops. The belt should be fitted around the waist so that the excess length can be tucked in loops and NOT hanging.

Jewelry: Boys and girls may not wear body piercing other than earrings in the ear lobe. One earring per ear may be worn. Only a stud earring or small hoop may be worn for safety purpose. Limited jewelry can be worn, such as watch, small bracelet, and thin necklace. Necklace should hang inside of the school uniform NOT on top for safety purposes.

General: At no time are students to wear anything offensive, immodest, or deemed inappropriate by the faculty. ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE LABELED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME.

PE Clothing: Elementary (K-5) students may wear the school PE t-shirt ONLY on PE days.

Students may ONLY wear dark blue/navy school sweaters, sweatshirts, and/or fleece, purchased through the uniform company, if chilly during the school day. School sweatshirts and fleece jackets are outerwear only. No clothing may be tied around a student's waist.

GRADES 6-8: BACKPACKS AND PURSES MUST STAY IN LOCKERS AT ALL TIMES.

Uniform Consequences: The Lee County *Code of Conduct for Students* states:

Dress Code Violation (DCV) – Failure to comply with dress code requirement(s).

- First offense – Correction WRN of ISS
- Second offense – ISS Rest of Day
- Third offense – ISS & 1 day After-Hours School
- Fourth offense – Level II (3 days ISS)
- Fifth offense – Level II (3 days OSS)

Thank you for your support in this process.

Sara Abraham
Principal