

Early Childhood Center Uniform Policy 2026-2027

Purpose

To ensure consistency, foster SBS pride, and promote a sense of community, **all Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students are required to wear a school uniform every day.**

Daily Uniform Guidelines

Students may wear any combination of the following approved school-logo items:

- **T-shirt** – short or long sleeve
- **Sweatpants**
- **Shorts**
- **Crew Neck Sweatshirt**
- **Fleece**
- **An approved light blue hooded or crewneck sweatshirt from the Spiritwear section of Donnelly's website.**

Year-Round Uniform Options

- **Approved uniform shorts and other approved uniform pieces may be worn at any time during the school year. There are no seasonal restrictions.**
- **Families should use good judgment and make sure students are dressed appropriately for the day's weather and temperature.**

Footwear Policy

To promote **safety and minimize classroom distractions**, the following footwear expectations apply:

Sneakers are required daily

- Must be **Velcro or slip-on** (no lace-up styles)
- **Safety First:** Untied shoelaces are a common tripping hazard. Velcro and slip-on shoes help prevent accidents during busy playtimes and outdoor fun.
- **Encouraging Independence:** Young children are still developing their fine motor skills. Velcro and slip-on shoes allow them to put on and take off their own shoes, which builds confidence and independence.
- **Saving Time:** Easy-on shoes keep our day moving smoothly and give us more time for learning and playing!
- **Light-up sneakers are not permitted**

Note: Light-up footwear can cause classroom distractions and may pose safety concerns during shelter-in-place drills when lights are off.

Accessories & Ear Piercing Guidelines for Our Little Learners

At SBS, we love when our little ones come to school ready to learn, play, and shine — in a safe and simple way! Here are our friendly reminders about accessories so we can all stay comfortable and focused.

Headbands

Headbands are **okay to wear**, as long as they are:

- **Plain and simple** — no glitter, animal ears, characters, or decorations
- **Colors we love:** school plaid (with or without a bow), brown, black, or navy
- **Not too big** — no wider than 2 inches

If a headband is too fancy or doesn't follow the rules, we'll kindly ask to take it off and send it home for another day.

Hats, Hoods & Sunglasses

To help us **see, stay safe, and be ready to learn**:

- **Hats** stay off while we're inside
- **Hoods** stay down in the classroom
- **Sunglasses** are for outside school time only — not during class, recess, or special days like Dress Down Days

Earrings and Jewelry

We want everyone to feel **safe, comfy, and free to play!** That's why we keep earrings simple:

For Girls:

- Girls may wear **one tiny earring** in each ear.
- Earrings should be **small studs only** (no hoops or dangly ones, please!).
- We ask that earrings be **quiet and plain** so they don't distract or cause accidents/injuries

For Boys:

- Boys do not wear earrings at school.

Other Jewelry:

- For safety reasons, **necklaces, bracelets, rings, and other types of jewelry are not permitted** in early childhood classrooms.
- Exceptions may be made for medical ID bracelets or religious items, but these should be discussed with the teacher ahead of time.

Dress Down Day Policy

Dress Down Days allow our youngest learners to enjoy casual attire while maintaining a safe and respectful school environment. This policy helps foster independence, order, and safety while supporting the school's mission to provide a structured and welcoming space for Early Childhood students.

Allowed:

- Clean, comfortable play clothes
- T-shirts with age-appropriate images and wording
- Closed-toe shoes or sneakers
- Weather-appropriate outerwear

Not Allowed:

- Pajamas (Unless specific Pajama Day)
- Costumes, or dress-up clothes
- Short shorts, tank tops, halters, or bare midriffs
- Flip-flops, strapless sandals, slippers
- Make-up, sunglasses (indoors), or hats
- Items with inappropriate language or images, or political context

Change of Clothes

Please provide a **complete, labeled change of clothes** (shirt, pants, underwear, socks). These will be kept at the Early Childhood Center for use in case of accidents or spills.