SFES DRESS CODE (updated June 7, 2013)

There are now many options, both in Seoul and online, for families to obtain the SFES standardized dress articles of clothing. Students need to follow the standardized dress code while at school unless there are special events.

Red or White logo polo shirts that meet the ES requirements may now be obtained from the SFS Spirit Shop. If you prefer a different grade of material, you may order logo shirts from Lands End, or purchase plain red or white polo shirts from outlets here in Korea or overseas. Possible stores are listed below. If you are not able to purchase plain colored polo shirts, red and white SFS logo patches may be bought in the SFS Spirit Shop.

Many parents have found black and/or Khaki shorts and pants that fit our standardized dress requirements through Old Navy, Land’s End, Gap, and local locations such as in Namdaemun Market and local department stores. As tailors in Korea are plentiful and reasonably priced, many parents may also choose to have clothing made. We thank you for purchasing slacks that are not cargo-style (external pocketed) shorts or pants.

The standardized dress code guidelines for the Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year will consist of the following.

**BOYS**

**Bottoms**
- Long trouser-like slacks or pants – (pls. no cargo style pants with large pockets on legs) – in khaki or black color
- Shorts – khaki or black color
- Cotton or wool fabric – no denim
  (Pants should not contain logos, emblems or stripes)

**Shirts**
- Polo style with collar - plain white or red
- Short or long sleeve
- Cotton fabric
- All white oxford short or long sleeve button down shirt
  (Shirts should not contain logos, emblems or stripes)

**Sweaters/Layers for in the classroom**
- Red, white or black cardigan or pull over (plain, no logos)
- ‘Spiritwear’ from the SFS Spirit Shop (zip up or pull over SFS sweatshirts)
  (Sweaters should not contain logos, emblems or stripes)

**Shoes**
- Sneakers
- Closed toe shoes
- Boots (as needed for wet & cold weather)
- No traditional CROCS (the loose fitting type with the sling around the back of the foot), however croc closed shoes and croc boots are acceptable
- No open toe shoes, such as sandals or open toed Teva’s

**GIRLS**

**Bottoms**
- Long trouser-like slacks – no cargo style (large pockets on legs) pants- khaki* or black color
• Shorts – khaki or black color
• Skorts or skirts – khaki or black color
• Red polo dress, long or short sleeve (shorts underneath are recommended)
• Khaki jumpers (shorts underneath are recommended)
• Cotton or wool fabric – no denim
  (Pants should not contain logos, emblems or stripes)
Shirts
• Polo style with collar - plain white or red
• Short or long sleeve
• Cotton fabric
• All white oxford short or long sleeve button down shirt
  (Shirts should not contain logos, emblems or stripes)
Sweaters/Layers for in the classroom
• Red, white or black cardigan or pull over (plain, no logos)
• ‘Spiritwear’ from the SFS Spirit Shop (zip up or pull over SFS sweatshirts)
  (Sweaters should not contain logos, emblems or stripes)
Shoes
• Sneakers
• Closed toe shoes
• Boots (as needed for wet & cold weather)
• No traditional CROCS (the loose fitting type with the sling around the back of the foot), however croc closed shoes and croc boots are acceptable
• No open toe shoes, such as sandals or open toed Teva’s
• No shoes with high heels

SFES favors the khaki and red colors found in the Land’s End catalog. Land’s End items are sold in Sears stores in the U.S. along with their mail order/on-line business. Other companies such as JC Penneys, Old Navy, The Gap and Bean Pole are also quality companies to purchase standardized dress items. Several of these stores, such as The Gap and Bean Pole are located in Seoul. Comparable clothes may be found in other stores in Seoul such as Shinsegae, Lotte or Hyundai Department stores. Clothes purchased in The Spirit Shop such as pull over or zip up sweatshirts or sweaters (“Spirit Wear”) are considered standardized dress. SFS patches that can be sewn on are also available in The Spirit Shop.

T-shirts from The Spirit Shop, class T-shirts or Saturday YSP team shirts will be reserved for school spirit days and sporting events. These T-shirts will not be considered standardized dress. Class T-shirts may be worn for field trips.

As a part of the standardized dress, students must wear closed toed shoes to school each day. Open toed sandals of any kind are not healthy for growing children’s feet. They do not provide support for their arches. Sandals do not provide the safety children need for playing at recess or in physical education classes.

It is our standardized dress policy that Elementary School students cannot wear the loose, ‘traditional’ crocs to school. Our reasons for this policy are the same reasons that we do not allow students to wear flip-flops, sandals, or other open-toed shoes to school. Our faculty has observed that students wearing the traditional crocs experience the crocs falling off often. Students are not able to run, jump and climb as safely as they can if
wearing more fitted footwear. Other medical professionals and educators have come to the same conclusions about the safety concerns related to children wearing crocs all day long at school. We thank parents in advance for your support in this matter.

Hats may not be worn in the school building.

Children need a second pair of athletic shoes to leave at school and to wear inside the gym for PE classes. Please be sure you purchase ‘non-marking’ shoes so that the PE shoes do not leave scuffmarks on the gym floors.

Swimming suits are also needed during the swimming unit in fall and spring. Swimsuits are available in The Spirit Shop.

Because items can get lost or misplaced, parents are encouraged to write their child's name in their standardized dress items, coats, shoes, lunch boxes, etc. Our “lost and found” has a way of quickly building up!

**EXAMPLES FOR BOYS (see list for complete details)**
EXAMPLES FOR GIRLS (see list for complete details)
NO THONGS SANDALS OR OPEN TOED FOOTWEAR