

UNIFORM REGULATIONS / DRESS CODE

Sarasota Military Academy Prep is, as the name implies, an institution where military traditions and customs are an important part of the experience. Cadets are required to wear and care for the uniforms properly. The uniform will be worn in accordance with standards outlined in this handbook which are similar to those of the military and JROTC programs. When the uniform is worn, whether on or off campus, it will be worn completely and not mixed with clothing/shoes not outlined in this dress code or without **required** items such as belts, nametags, epaulets, etc.

Uniform inspections will be conducted in formation and at any time throughout the day. Cadets and parents must understand that this uniform represents SMA Prep's high standards and must be worn with proper respect. Cadets may not play sports or be involved in any work detail while in the SMA Prep Dress Uniform, nor may they engage in any conduct that would bring embarrassment or disgrace to the uniform or SMA Prep. Further, the uniform may not be worn to promote political causes or at partisan political organizations' events. Cadets may NOT wear SMA Uniforms while performing fundraising activities.

Uniforms are available for purchase from Children's World Uniform store. Visit the store on Bee Ridge Rd. or visit their website (www.childrensworlduniform.com) to check prices, sizes, and/or to place orders. Gently-used uniforms are available in limited sizes and quantities. Please call the office to make an appointment to purchase gently-used items. Spirit wear is available for purchase through the school.

Uniform Schedule

Monday: Camouflage Uniform only

Tuesday: Class 'B' Dress Uniform only

Wednesday: Class 'B' Dress Uniform only

Thursday: Camouflage Uniform only

Friday: Class 'B' Dress or Optional Spirit Uniform (Student choice)

Physical Education Classes: PE uniform

SMA Prep Uniforms

Class 'B' Dress Uniform: (authorized for wear on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**)

- Light blue Oxford shirt (Children's World)
- Dark blue slacks (Children's World)
- White t-shirt or camisole (optional) from a store of your choice
- Black belt (Children's World)
- All Black Crew Length socks (mid-calf) (no logos or colors) from a store of your choice
- All Black sneakers or boat shoes with black laces from a shoe store of your choice
- Name tag, crest, epaulets, ribbons (when earned) are provided by the Academy; lost or damaged items must be immediately replaced by purchasing through the school.

Class “B” Uniform Devices and Belt Wear

Nametag: Centered on the right pocket flap, 1/8 inch below the top edge

SMA Prep Crest: Centered above the right pocket flap, 1/8 inch above the top edge

Ribbons: Centered 1/8” above the left pocket flap, in order of precedence. Only Prep issued ribbons are authorized for wear.

Belt: Tip of the belt should be to the wearers left side of the buckle, buckled in the center hole, length adjusted with the belt slide. If new canvas/metal buckle belt is worn the tip of belt will be aligned with the left side of the buckle.

Only plain white undergarments (no writing of any kind on the t-shirt), may be worn under the dress shirt. The wear of an undershirt or camisole is optional. No long sleeve shirts may be worn under the dress shirt. Undergarment sleeves may not extend beyond the uniform shirt. The shirt must be tucked in neatly at all times and the top button must be unbuttoned. Only plain black crew length socks that reach mid-calf (no skin visible beneath hem) may be worn with the Dress Uniform. Only SMA Prep issued ribbons are authorized for wear.

Camouflage Uniform (Camo): (authorized for wear only on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**)

- Khaki Shirt (Children's World)
- Woodlands Camouflage Pants (Children’s World)
- Black belt (same belt as dress uniform) (Children’s World)
- All Black crew length socks (mid-calf) (no logos or colors) from a store of your choice
- All Black sneakers or military style black boots with black laces from a shoe store of your choice (no boat or dress shoes).

Only plain white (no writing of any kind on the t-shirt), undergarments may be worn under the khaki shirt. The wear of an undershirt or camisole is optional. Undergarment sleeves may not extend beyond the uniform shirt. The shirt must be tucked in neatly at all times. Camo pants may not be bloused or tucked into shoes/boots/socks. Only plain black crew length socks that reach mid-calf (no skin visible beneath hem) may be worn with the Camo Uniform.

Optional - Spirit Uniform: (authorized to wear on Fridays only)

- SMA Polo Shirt – Optional, navy blue with tan sides (Children’s World)
- Spirit Shirt – Optional, must be purchased through school (no PE or Camo shirts)
- White undergarment, t-shirt, or camisole – Optional, from a store of your choice
- Shorts – Optional, dark blue (Children’s World)
- Pants – (same as dress uniform) (Children’s World)
- Black belt – (same as dress uniform) (Children’s World)
- Black socks from a store of your choice
- Any matching boat shoes or color sneakers with any color laces from a shoe store of your choice (No shoes with wheels/rollers or light-up shoes allowed).

Spirit Uniform . . . Continued

Spirit wear must coincide the weather dress (spirit sweatshirts may only be worn outside, on spirit days, when there is a cold weather day). Shorts and pants must rest at the natural waist of the cadet; no more than 2 inches below the navel. Trouser hems must be no more than 2 inches above the welt (heel) of the shoe. Shorts must not extend below the knee and must be hemmed no more than 4 inches above the top of the knee. Shorts and pants must have at least 1 inch of free play (without pulling) in the garment at the hips and legs. Shorts may NOT be rolled up.

The bottom button of the optional polo shirt must be buttoned, the top button unbuttoned. Only plain white (no writing of any kind on the t-shirt) undergarments may be worn under the shirt. The wear of an undershirt or camisole is optional. Undergarment sleeves may not extend beyond the uniform shirt. All shirts must be tucked in neatly at all times.

Shoes must match, be *TIED properly*, and may not be defaced in any way. Jewelry, makeup and nail polish standards *are the same as with the SMA Prep Dress Uniform*. (See jewelry, make up, and nail polish policy). Females may wear hair down with the spirit uniform.

PE Uniform:

- Light blue t-shirt (Children's World)
- Dark blue shorts (Children's World)
- Black socks (crew length/ mid-calf) from a store of your choice
- Any color sneakers with any color laces from shoe store of your choice
- Only the SMA Prep PE Uniforms are authorized for PE classes. The PE uniform may not be worn under other uniforms or as spirit wear.

Optional - Black Jacket (from Children's World)

The SMA Prep Jacket is the ONLY authorized jacket to be worn with any of the SMA Prep uniforms (dress, camo, polo/spirit, or PE uniforms). It is strongly recommend that jackets be embroidered with fist initial and last name (available at time of purchase from Children's World). It may only be worn outside, before formation and after the last bell or on designated "cold weather" days. It is authorized for wear inside the classrooms/buildings with the teacher's permission on any day.

- Jackets may only be worn zippered $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up, with the sleeves down. The zipper must be at even with the SMA logo. Jackets may not be draped around the neck or tied around the waist. If the jacket is designated as unserviceable (worn, holes, tears) and does not display a neat appearance, the cadet will be required to replace it.
- Navy blue sweatshirt with zipper, hood, and SMA Prep logo has been phased out and will no longer be worn

Jacket Days – Formation Only – Yellow Flag

A “Jacket Day” (yellow flag) is determined by administration using guidelines based on the temperature being below 65 degrees during formation, but not being cold enough to be designated as a “Cold-Weather Day”. During a Jacket Day, cadets may wear their SMA Prep jackets during formation only in accordance with appropriate wear guidelines.

Cold Weather Outerwear Policy for Designated Days – Red Flag

On days when the weather is predicted to be a “Cold-Weather Day” (approximately 50 degrees or below) (red flag), the Head of School or designee may implement the Cold-Weather Outerwear Policy giving cadets two options: 1) (preferred) Wear an additional layer (i.e. sweater with zipper, buttons, or snaps – no pullovers) under the SMA Prep Jacket, 2) Wear a conservative, plain black or dark colored coat or jacket as outerwear. Families are asked to do their best to provide conservative, plain black or dark colored coats/jackets when possible. Sweatshirts, hoodies, or other hooded jackets or sweaters are prohibited as the outermost layer on cold weather days. Cold-Weather Days apply to SMA Prep dress uniform, camo uniform, and spirit uniform. The following guidance is provided for Cold-Weather Days:

- Outerwear (coats/jackets) must be worn fully closed (buttoned, zipped, or snapped).
- Multiple coats/jackets (layering) are authorized to include rain coats. If layering with a sweatshirt, only the SMA Prep Jacket is allowed as the outermost layer. All hoods must be tucked into the jacket or outer layer.
- Outerwear (coats/jackets) are to be worn outside only.
- When the cadet enters a classroom, jackets are removed, the outerwear (coats/jackets) should be placed on the back of the cadet’s seat or in backpack. Only the SMA jacket/sweatshirt may be worn in class. Cadets are also authorized to wear hats, gloves, and scarves on designated cold-weather days during formation only.

Care and Maintenance of Uniforms

Standards to be met while in uniform include maintaining the uniform in a clean and serviceable condition. After initial purchase of all uniforms, it is the responsibility of the cadets/parents/guardians to properly maintain the uniforms. This includes laundering, alterations, dry cleaning, sewing on lost buttons, necessary mending, replacement of broken zippers, and repair of torn/loose hems. Uniforms deemed to be in disrepair must be replaced.

Lost/broken items:

- “Frogs” (pin clasps) and nametag backings are available at the front desk, the Eagles Nest (during lunch), Homeroom Teachers and Military Studies using “Eagle Points”
- Reorder at front desk: epaulets (\$9), crest (\$4), nametag (\$4), ribbon (\$1.50)