

Miscellaneous Provisions

A. Time Lines

- It shall be understood that the time lines imposed at each level and step shall be strictly enforced, and unless the appeal is made within the time allotted, the grievance shall be deemed to have been settled and the student shall have no further right of appeal with said grievance.

B. Hearing Procedures

- The Superintendent and/or the Board of Education may establish hearing procedures to be followed at Level Two, Step 1 and Level Two, Step 2.

Field Trips

Student participation in a school sponsored field trip is considered a privilege. Students may be denied the opportunity to participate in a school sponsored field trip if safety is a concern due to the student's behavior in the school setting. Should this happen, the principal may request that the parent/legal guardian attend the field trip. Parents are not allowed to ride a Shelby County school bus. If the parent/legal guardian is unable to accompany the student on the field trip, the principal may deny participation in the field trip. In the event a student is not eligible to attend the field trip, school attendance will be expected.

Students making a trip under the sponsorship of the school are required to have a form signed by their parents/ guardians giving them permission to take the trip and releasing the school from any liability for any accident or injury. Students will be transported via school bus and/or charter bus to/from field trip locations. Prior to the day of the field trip, students should communicate with teachers about deadlines and due dates of class assignments.

Dress Code

A standardized dress code of SCBOE has been adopted to assure that all students are provided safe and appropriate educational opportunities which are free from unnecessary disruptions or outside influences and to instill in students the need to dress appropriately and have respect for each other and authority. For young people, especially teenagers who are beginning to find their true identities in the middle of peer pressure and parent prodding, dress is an important issue. For the younger children, lifetime habits of taste and dress are greatly affected by their childhood dressing patterns. This dress code will be strictly enforced in all SCBOE, middle through high school.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the following explanation behind the choice of the standards. The way a person dresses reflects the way he/she thinks. We want to prepare students for the world of work, and we believe a neat professional appearance is a good habit to develop in the childhood years. Just as students would dress one way for a picnic or ball game, there is an appropriate way to dress for school. A well-groomed student should come to school with an attitude that prepares him or her for neat, conscientious work. His or her attire should give him or her respect for self, fellow students, and teachers.

Students who have questionable or inappropriate dress will not be allowed to attend class. The following items will serve as a minimum guide to acceptable dress for Shelby County students. Any school modifying the SCBOE Dress Code must obtain approval from the Superintendent. All modifications must be presented in writing to students prior to enforcement.

Dress Code Guidelines

- All students must wear shirts, blouses, or dresses with a collar or with a non-revealing neckline, such as crew neck, jewel neck, or boat neck. Low cut, open back, bare midriff or clothing that allows the midriff to be exposed, are not permitted.
- Male students must wear sleeved garments. Female students may wear sleeveless garments which adequately cover undergarments. Spaghetti and/or thin-strapped shirts may be worn only if over another T-shirt or if covered by a blouse with sleeves. Only sleeveless blouses or dresses in which the shoulder is fully covered from the base of the neck to top of arm will be considered acceptable.
- No obscene language and/or illegal substance advertisements (to include alcohol and tobacco advertisements) may be worn on clothing or accessories.
- No hats, caps, head coverings, hair curlers, picks, or sunglasses will be worn in school.
- Skirts, shorts and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in front and back. No slits or leg openings may be above mid-thigh. Leggings/Jeggings/Yoga style pants may only be worn with a top that is mid-thigh or longer in length.
- Belts must be worn at the waist with pants, shorts, and skirts that have belt loops. Pants, shorts, and skirts without belt loops must be worn at the waist and should fit properly. Articles of clothing worn too low, too long, too large, too tight, or too loose are not permitted. Pajama style pants and/or snap aways are prohibited. Athletic type pants and/or shorts may be worn only if mid-thigh in length or longer.
- Jackets and coats are to be worn in good taste. Generally, these are inappropriate to be worn in the classroom.
- Students are required to wear appropriate shoes at all times. Shoes with wheels are not appropriate for the school environment.
- Students' clothing should be neat and clean and should not be in noticeable disrepair. Unhemmed (cut-off) shorts, skirts, shirts, pants, and garments with inappropriate holes or inappropriate slits above mid-thigh are not allowed.
- Ear piercings are allowed. All other piercings, hairstyles, and other adornments (including tattoos) that draw attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process are prohibited.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and not visible.
- Students are prohibited from wearing any metal chains, metal spiked apparel, oversized belt buckles, or accessories.