

Scottsboro City Schools Dress Code

It shall be the policy of the Scottsboro City Board of Education that good grooming and personal appearance is essential if not critical elements in the teaching/learning process. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will insure health and safety of the school. Furthermore, the dress and personal appearance shall not be disruptive or interfere with the legitimate interest and welfare of students attending the schools. The principal, staff, and parents shall have the authority to establish a reasonable Student Dress Code for his/her school if deemed necessary.

The dress code at SHS is fair and recognizes the need for students to dress both fashionably and comfortably. However, there must be limits in place. Schools are centers of learning and should not be disrupted due to a student's attire. With this in mind the following guidelines should be considered when dressing for school:

1. No head covering (hats, bandannas, etc.) will be visible in building.
2. No sunglasses will be worn indoors.
3. Body piercing is limited to the ear. Jewelry or other objects (studs, pins, etc.) may not be worn in any visibly pierced area of the body, including, but not limited to the tongue. Band-Aids may not be worn to conceal a pierced body part.
4. Hairstyles should be kept neat and hair colors will be limited to natural hair colors.
5. All shirts are to be long enough to be tucked. All shirts, tops, dresses, must touch the natural shoulder line.
6. Clothing shall not be so tight or loose as to be revealing. Clothing must conceal all undergarments. Students are not permitted to wear tank tops, mesh clothing, spandex clothing, spaghetti strap type clothing, halter tops, tube tops, cut-off tops and shorts, see-through clothing, mid-driff tops, muscle shirts, sundresses, backless dresses or tops, umbro or bicycle shorts, etc. Jackets/coats may not be worn to conceal dress code violation. Students are to wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed. No clothing shall be worn inside out; suspenders/braces shall be fastened and belts buckled.
7. Pants should be worn at the natural waistline. Clothing must be clean with no holes or tears above the knee. Pant legs are not to be rolled up.
8. Articles of clothing must be appropriate for school wear. Skirts, dresses and shorts may be no shorter than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap. Skirts with slits are acceptable only if the end of the slit is no higher than 4 inches above the kneecap.
9. Shoes appropriate to the school setting must be worn at all times. No bedroom slippers, etc. will be worn.
10. Wallets, bracelets, belts, and other clothing and accessories with spikes, studs, or chains are not allowed.
- 11. Insignias, buttons, and clothing which is censored or suggestive of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, racially, ethnically, sexually suggestive, vulgarities, violence and/or are gang related will not be worn.**
12. Trench coats, over coats, dusters, or any other bulky style coats will not be worn during the school day.
13. Any clothing or accessories which the administration deems inappropriate and/or offensive will not be permitted.

Any student who fails to dress appropriately will not be allowed to attend class until proper clothing can be secured. Any absences from class incurred by a dress code violation will be unexcused (any work missed may not be made up). Parents will be called to bring proper clothing to the school. Until proper clothing can be secured, the student may be assigned In-School Detention for the remainder of the day.

First offense - Administrative conference and proper clothing obtained. Removal from classes for the remainder of the day if proper clothing is not obtained.

Second offense - Repeated violations will be considered "Defiance of Authority" and treated as Class II Offenses and can result in receiving punishment of Saturday School, in-school detention for 3 - 5 days or corporal punishment. Continual problems may warrant recommendation for expulsion.