

Sheffield City Schools

STUDENT PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND DRESS CODE

All students are expected to be neat, well-groomed and suitably dressed at school and at all school activities. The Board of Education does not propose to determine or dictate styles of grooming and dress. Appropriateness of dress and grooming is the responsibility of parents; however, extreme dress or extreme personal appearance which in any way disrupts the well-disciplined learning environment or school activities or endangers the safety of the student and/or teacher is prohibited. The primary guide in determining what is not appropriate is the extent to which such dress and/or grooming attract undue attention in the classroom or schools.

Cases of extreme dress or personal appearance will be determined by the principal. The principal has the authority to take whatever action is necessary, in his judgment, to correct the situation. A student who continues to ignore the required changes shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Dress Code

The policy of the Sheffield Board of Education, as well as the faculty and staff at Sheffield High School, is that good grooming and personal appearance are essential elements in the teaching and learning processes. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will insure the health and safety of the school. Furthermore, the dress and personal appearance will not be disruptive or interfere with the legitimate interest and welfare of the students. Apparel, jewelry, make-up, or any mannerism related to style which is determined by the principal or his/her designee to be disruptive to the educational process of the school or harmful to the safety of any student shall be prohibited. Extreme dress or extreme personal appearance, which in any way disrupts a well-disciplined learning environment or any school activity, is prohibited.

All offenders of the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action. Anyone in violation of the dress code will be required change clothes and to obtain a dress code violation notice from the main office before returning to class.

Consequences for dress code violations include:

Cumulative dress code violations will be kept for the entire year.

Violations 1 & 2 Student must change clothes

Violations 3 & 4 Change clothes & assigned detention hall

Violations 5 & 6 Change clothes & assigned Saturday school

Violations 7 & 8	Change clothes & assigned three (3) days ISS
Violations 9	Change clothes & assigned five (5) days ISS
Violations 10 +	Change clothes & suspended from school one (1) day

Dress Code Rules

- Shorts, dresses, and skirts are to be hemmed and extend to the top of the kneecap.
- Biker shorts, soccer shorts, basketball shorts, or any other type of gym shorts are not allowed.
- Shorts with holes will not be permitted.
- Pants must be free of holes at or above the knee.
- "Sagging" will not be tolerated.
- Any type of leotard, tight fitting or form-fitting shorts (or pants) will not be permitted.
- Sweatpants are not allowed.
- Tops may not be lower than the collar bone.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, midriff tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, or other sleeveless tops or dresses are not allowed.
- Mesh, see-through, and low cut tops are not allowed.
- All shirts including athletic jerseys must be tucked in.
- Tops or pants that make underwear of any kind visible are not allowed.
- **Clothing, paraphernalia (including drawings), and/ or devices which are judged to be related to or associated with gang affiliation, gang activity, Satanism, death, the occult, rebel flags, the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sexually obscene activity, and/or any other inappropriate writing or graphic(s) design shall be considered disruptive to the educational process and are therefore prohibited.**
- Excessively long and/or bulky oversized shirts and outer garments (pants, shirts, or coats/jackets) will not be permitted. These items must be placed in lockers before class begins.

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- Shower shoes, house shoes, and water shoes may not be worn.
- Hats, caps, bandannas, sunglasses, gloves, or any head covering are not to be worn in any school building.
- Chains, clothing with sharp objects, pins, or will not be allowed.
- Pierced jewelry may be worn in ears only.
- Dyed hair will be permitted only if the hair is dyed a natural human hair color. Unnatural dyed hair colors (purple, green, blue, etc.) will not be allowed.
- Blankets will not be allowed inside the school building or classrooms.
- These rules apply to all field trips.
- Any absence of a student checking-out to change clothes will be coded unexcused.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE DRESS CODE. The administration reserves the right to address individual instances of inappropriate dress that are not covered by these guidelines. Any classes missed due to a dress code violation will be unexcused. A record will be kept of students who violate the dress code and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Cumulative dress code violations will be kept for the entire year.

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