

## GUIDELINES OF DRESS AND GROOMING

The policy of the Sumter County Board of Education is that grooming and personal appearance is essential on the teaching and learning processes. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will ensure health and safety, and not detract from the learning environment. Furthermore, dress and personal appearance are not to be disruptive or interfere with educational interest and welfare of the students or the purpose of the public school education. Therefore, students are expected to dress according to the uniform code.

1. Students must be clean and well groomed.
2. Hats, caps, headbands, sweatbands, bandanas, visors, and sunglasses must be removed and placed in the locker or designated area and remain during the school day.
3. Hair must be clean and well groomed, and should not impair vision.
4. 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. Pants must be worn at the waist. Sagging of the pants **will not be tolerated**. Shirts **must** be tucked in.
5. No button-down shirts may be worn over the official uniform shirt.
6. All pants, skirts, shorts, jumpers, dresses shall be khaki, worn with the school shirt.
7. Articles of clothing must be appropriate for school wear. Skirts, shorts, dresses may be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee, except that of students in K-3 may wear shorts appropriate for school. Slits in the skirt must meet the four inches above the knee regulation.
8. All shirts must bear the official school logo.
9. With approval of the principal, activity sponsors may establish different rules for dress and grooming as a prerequisite for membership and participation in specific activities.
10. Students may be permitted to wear regular attire as an incentive, a maximum of three times per semester as determined by the building principal.
11. Bracelets, belts, and other clothing with spikes, studs or chains are not allowed.
12. Only clear or mesh book bags are allowed during the school day.
13. Insignias, buttons, and clothing which are suggestive of wine, beer, whiskey, tobacco, vulgarities and violence, drug activity, or demeaning to other persons are not to be worn at school.
14. Ear jewelry may be worn by females only. (Band-Aids may not be worn to conceal unauthorized jewelry). Nose jewelry is not to be worn by boys or girls while they are in school. Jewelry (stud, pins, etc.) may not be worn in any visibly pierced areas of the body, including, but not limited to, the tongue.

**\*\*Students who cannot afford a school uniform will be referred to local charitable organizations for assistance.**

Any student who fails to dress appropriately will not be allowed to attend class until proper clothing can be secured. If necessary, parents will be called to bring proper clothes to school. Until proper clothing can be secured, the student will be isolated and will be responsible for all class work missed. Nonconformity to dress code is a Class II offense.

## **UNIFORM DRESS CODE**

=> **Shoes:**

All students in grades K-12 will wear low top gym shoes, Shoes must be 90% black or 90% white in color.

=> **Skirts. Skorts. Jumpers. and Shorts**

The length for skirts, skorts, and jumpers for all girls in grades 6-12 must be worn at or below the knee.

The length for shorts for all boys and girls in grades 6-12 must be worn at or below the knee.

=> **Belts**

Belt buckles should be no more than 1/2 inch larger than the belt. Belts must be black or brown.

=> **Pants. Skirts. Jumpers. Skorts. and Shorts**

Pants, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and shorts must be **khaki (or black twill as an option. - No knit, stretch, denim, spandex, or dress slacks).**

⇒ **Shirts**

Long or short sleeve polo shirts must bear school logo. **The color options are red, black, white, gold, blue, purple, and maroon.**