

## **Sylacauga City Schools Dress Code**

Students are required to be neat, clean, and fully clothed at all times. **Teachers and administrators will refer students to parents when clothing, jewelry, or grooming is questionable or inappropriate. Students who have questionable or inappropriate dress will not be allowed to attend class.**

**Please refer to the local school handbook for dress code guidelines.** Any school modifying the Sylacauga City Board of Education Dress Code must obtain Superintendent approval. All modifications must be presented in writing to students prior to enforcement.

Principals shall have the discretion to determine the appropriate dress for special occasions. Parents, teachers, and principal will strictly enforce the dress code. A student may be sent home to make any necessary alterations. Since this normally works a greater hardship on the parents and guardians than the students, parents are urged to supervise their child's dress on a daily basis.

If faculty, staff, or administration determine a student's dress or grooming to be inappropriate, the student will be required to report to an administrator, check out (personal, unexcused), go home and correct the problem. A personal, unexcused absence with resulting penalty will be assessed for classes missed. A record will be kept of students who check out due to violations. On the second offense, the student will receive disciplinary action.

The following guidelines will be followed:

1. ALL clothing must be worn appropriately, be neat in appearance, and worn in the manner it was designed. i.e.-not wearing clothes backwards, inside-out, undone suspenders, pants worn too low, too long or excessively large. All clothing must not be too tight or too loose.
2. NO shorts allowed for any student (exception - P.E. / Athletics students in uniform).
3. ALL skirts, dresses, and capri style pants must come to the bottom/below the knee while standing (front and back). This includes any slit the clothing may have.
4. ALL pants must be worn at the waist level, be hemmed, and without holes or tears. ALL pants with belt loops must be worn with a belt that is visible at all times. Gym style sweat pants, pajamas, and house shoes are not to be worn. Nylon warm-up suits that are loose fitting are acceptable. Students wearing sweaters or sweat shirts (with elastic bands) with pants with belt loops are still expected to wear a belt; however, it does not have to be visible at all times.
5. ALL tops must not be revealing or distracting and must be long enough that the midriff does not show while standing, sitting, or bending. Under garments must NOT be visible; this includes sports bra worn under tops and dresses. Spaghetti straps, backless, or one shoulder tops are NOT allowed. The straps on dresses, tops, and shirts must be three fingers wide.
6. ALL clothing displaying controversial, vulgar, suggestive, or gang-related slogans is NOT allowed.
7. ALL shirts must be tucked in completely. No "rolling under" of t-shirts is allowed. Long coats, jackets, and trench coats are NOT allowed. Tops, blouses, and coordinated outfits designed to be worn "untucked" ARE acceptable.

8. Students are NOT to wear or carry caps, hats, bandannas, doo-rags, sunglasses, combs, picks, or any other headwear.

9. ALL students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that it is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing vision. Students are NOT to wear hair dyed in unusual colors, spiked hair, shaven head areas, shaven head patterns. i.e. - numbers, names, symbols, designs, etc.

10. Students are not allowed to wear jewelry, ornaments, gauges, or accessories which distract from the educational process or that may cause injury to the student. Students may not wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel or accessories, etc. Facial, tongue, and navel jewelry is NOT allowed. NO decorative dental appliances, permanent or temporary, nor decorative contact lenses will be allowed.

#### CONSEQUENCES

See Penalty Codes in the back of this handbook.

All students are expected to be neat, well-groomed and appropriately dressed at school and school activities. At no time should the student's appearance create a distraction or disruption in class. The primary concern of the faculty and administration is whether or not a student's appearance interferes with the educational process of the students. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to address individual instances of inappropriate dress or grooming which are not covered by these guidelines.