

SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOLS DRESS CODE POLICY

Students, always, should observe the rules governing body cleanliness, neatness of appearance, and good grooming. T-shirts with improper suggestions or advertising of any alcoholic drink, or illegal substance **will not** be allowed at school. When, in the opinion of administration or teacher, a pupil is inappropriately dressed for school, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be called for proper school attire. Though pupils have the right to choose individual dress, the school has the responsibility to see that the attire is not immodest or offensive to anyone.

All students must adhere to the following rules:

1. Shoes must always be worn. **NO** flip-flops, **NO** house/bedroom shoes; **NO** stiletto high heels. Big flat high heels are OK. Some classes, for health and safety reasons, may require shoes, which cover the entire foot.
2. Shirts with profanity, alcoholic beverages, marijuana, drug pictures, suggestive writing or pictures cannot be worn to school.
3. No bicycle shorts/pants are allowed.
4. Hair must not be in rollers; no rags/wave caps; no bandannas; no sweatbands or stocking caps.
5. No combs, rakes or picks are to be worn in the hair. Rat-tail combs are not allowed.
6. Students will not be allowed to carry brushes or combs around in their hands. If caught, the items will be taken and given to the administration.
7. All pants **MUST** be worn around the waist.
8. No hats, caps, sun visors, or headgear may be worn in the school buildings.
9. Knee length shorts may be worn by all students, no cut-offs or ragged jeans or shorts, no gym shorts, No sweat pants, no short shorts – Skirts must be within three inches of the kneecap.
10. Pants should have **No holes above the knee that expose bare skin**. Any holes must be knee or below.
11. No cut-off shirts or shirts which show midriiffs.
12. Proper under garments must always be worn.
13. No sunglasses are to be worn on eyes or head.
14. No buttons with vulgar or obscene saying. No buttons with advertised drugs or alcohol.
15. Pants must not be **rolled up, stuck in shoes or socks, or bound up with rubber bands, folded up, wrapped up, or tucked up on the outside**.
16. Students must adhere to all rules governing the dress code; students will not be allowed to attend classes dressed inappropriately. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified to pick up the child or to bring appropriate clothing to the school.
17. Earrings will not be oversized. No necklaces with medallions larger than one (1) inch in diameter may be worn. No oversized clothing. No towels or bandanas, do-rags or other objects hanging from pockets.
18. No apparel or accessories that are considered inappropriate or distracting by the principal.
19. Ankle monitors must be covered with pants.

***Administration will use its discretion on whether student attire is appropriate. Dress shall not be extreme to the point of creating a disturbance of the educational atmosphere.**

Girls

1. No miniskirts or mini culottes. No short dresses over tights. Skirts and/or dresses must be no more than three inches above the knee. NO bareback dresses or blouses exposing the entire back, stomach, cleavage, or undergarments. **Cleavage must be covered up and not visible.**
2. Dresses with slits: NO slits longer than four (4) inches above the knee.
3. No tank top dresses unless an acceptable shirt is always worn over the dress.
4. Sundresses must always be worn with a jacket.
5. No spaghetti strap blouses or dresses unless an acceptable shirt is always worn.
6. No tube tops.
7. No writing across the buttocks, pants, or shorts.
8. No stiletto high heels during the school day.
9. No fish net tights, tights or skintight pants/or blue jeans may be worn to school.

Boys

1. No muscle shirts or tank tops. No net or mesh shirts unless a shirt with sleeves is worn underneath.
2. All pants must be worn at the waist. Pants must be above the buttocks and tight enough in the waist that they do not fall. Pants must not be constantly pulled up.
3. No belts should hang from pants or shorts.
4. No white T-shirts or under shirts worn as an outer shirt.
5. No rags or bandanas hanging out of pockets.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Sumter County Board of Education

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