

## **Scott County School District Dress Code Procedures**

### **General**

- This is a general guide regarding dress code procedures outlined by SCSD Board Policy JCDB (Dress Code). It is impossible to create a set of procedures pertaining to dress code that is all encompassing. These dress code procedures may be amended as needed over time.
- No student's appearance will cause a distraction to such an extent that it will hinder another student's right to a conducive educational environment.
- Local principals or their designee have the power and discretion to make all dress code decisions on their campus. Sound judgment and consistency should be used when making dress code determinations.
- Hair must be neat, clean, and worn in a manner that does not interfere with vision or cause a disruption in the classroom. No combs, picks, rollers, or extreme coloring or hair styles (example – Mohawks and graphic designs) will be allowed.
- Students will practice proper hygiene.
- Excessive nail length is not permitted.
- Facial hair (beards, goatees, and mustaches) must be properly groomed.
- No article of clothing (including jewelry) or personal markings of any kind that pertains to or depicts the following will be acceptable:
  - Substances or activities illegal by law for minors such as alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and gambling
  - Affiliation with gangs, sororities, fraternities, or secret organizations
  - Profane, suggestive, or violent language
  - Derogatory symbols or remarks directed to any ethnic group or individual
- Clothing can have no pictures of individuals or groups (screen printed items).
- No celebrity names (screen printed items) or jerseys of any kind may be worn. Local school jerseys may be worn for school spirit purposes only.
- K-4 students will be allowed to wear clothing with manufactured graphics (example – Super Heroes, Video Characters, Sports Characters, Hello Kitty, Barbie, Disney Characters, etc.)
- All clothes should be properly hemmed.
- No clothing endorsing a political candidate, party, or position may be worn.

- All clothing must be worn as it was designed to be worn. Belts, suspender straps, shoe laces, etc. must be fastened and all pants must be worn at the correct waist level (no sagging).
- Warm up pants, wind suit pants, overalls, and pajama pants are not allowed.
- Extremely baggy or sagging pants are not allowed.
- Extremely long pants are not allowed.
- Extremely tight clothing (spandex clothing, leotards, etc.) is not allowed.
- Extremely loose fitting clothing is not allowed (clothing that is several sizes too big).
- Clothing and other apparel may not be altered in any way.
- Clothing cannot contain holes. Clothing should be in a state of good repair.
- Belts of appropriate length are to be worn if pants or other types of clothing have belt loops (K-4 students are exempt from this rule).
- Proper under clothing must be worn.
- Underclothing must not be visible.
- No item of clothing can be revealing.
- Transparent clothing without proper tops/shirts is prohibited.
- Tattoos are discouraged. However, if they are present, they must be deemed appropriate. Inappropriate tattoos must be covered.
- Gloves should only be worn when weather conditions dictate such. However, gloves should not be worn inside school buildings.
- Sweat bands of any kind are prohibited.
- Spiked accessories, chains - including those attached to wallets or belt loops - jewelry, or other similar accessories/items are prohibited (safety issues).
- Specific outfits designated for extracurricular activities and decisions concerning any questionable clothing will be left to the discretion of the principal.

### Tops/Shirts

- Shirts must be properly closed, zipped, or buttoned.
- Blouses, shirts, t-shirts, and other tops do not have to be tucked in. However, they should be at least 3 inches below the waistline and no more than 5 inches below the waistline if they are not tucked in. Only a tunic style top or sweater can exceed the maximum length of 5 inches below the waistline.

- Sleeveless vests are permitted if appropriate tops/shirts are worn underneath.
- Tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, thin straps, or tops that expose the midriff, any part of the bust, excessive part of the back, are excessively tight, or are distracting are not permitted.
- K-4 Students may wear sleeveless tops as long as they are not revealing.
- Tight fitting undershirts (example – Under Armour) may be worn as long as they are covered by an appropriate top/shirt. This is the only exception regarding tops/shirts being too tight.

### Pants/Bottoms

- All pants (jeans, khakis, dress pants or slacks), shorts, dresses, capris, skirts, and skorts should be properly hemmed.
- Males may wear jeans, khakis, dress pants (slacks), and shorts.
- Athletic pants or shorts are only permitted in appropriate P.E. classes (approved by the instructor).
- Shorts, dresses, capris, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the mid knee. In certain situations a person's build may dictate that the principal allow a particular student to deviate from the 3 inch above the mid knee rule. Certainly, this is the exception and not the rule.
- Only Bermuda style shorts and walking style shorts are permitted for students in grades 5-12.
- Cargo pants of any kind are not permitted (pants may have small – non baggy – pockets on the side).
- K-4 students may wear shorts other than Bermuda style shorts and walking style shorts as long as they are deemed appropriate.
- K-4 students may wear shorts, dresses, capris, skirts, and skorts shorter than 3 inches above the mid knee as long as they are not revealing.
- No writing or designs on the seat of pants, shorts, dresses, capris, skirts, or skorts is allowed.
- Leggings, jeggings, or footless tights may be worn as long as they are accompanied by a tunic type top or sweater that is not shorter than 3 inches above the mid knee. This is the only exception regarding pants/bottoms being too tight.

### Shoes/Boots/Sandals

- Shoes, boots, and sandals should not have an extreme heel. Heels should be no higher or taller than 2 inches.
- Pumps, wedges, and similar footwear are permissible. However, the footwear cannot have a significant incline. The maximum allowable incline is 2 inches.
- High heeled shoes are not allowed.
- Footwear must be tied or fastened at all times.
- All footwear must have a back that is attached (can be a strap).
- Footwear may be of the open toed variety.
- Footwear (shoes, boots, sandals, pumps, wedges, etc.) must be worn at all times.
- Pants legs must not be tucked into boots. However, boots may be worn over leggings, jeggings, or footless tights assuming all rules dealing with these particular items of clothing are followed.
- Foot wear with lights, taps, wheels, cleats, or other similar objects is prohibited.
- Flip-flops, slides, slippers, house shoes, and shower shoes are prohibited.
- It is highly recommended that students involved with P.E. wear athletic shoes of some type.

#### Headwear

- Hats, caps, headscarves, bandanas, “Do Rags”, rollovers, or other headgear are not appropriate and should not be brought to school.
- Headwear will only be permitted in the case of a documented medical situation.
- Toboggans may be worn during periods of cold weather. However, toboggans are not to be worn inside school buildings.
- Sunglasses, other than those prescribed, may not be worn inside the school building.

#### Jewelry

- No body piercing by female or male students will be allowed other than in the ear.
- Male students will be allowed to wear stud type earrings only.
- Coaches, physical education class teachers, or any organized athletics personnel have the option to ban all jewelry due to safety reasons and/or

violations of Mississippi High School Activities Association Regulations. This pertains to jewelry worn during P.E. classes, athletic practices, and athletic competitions.

#### Coats/Jackets/Pullovers

- Trench coats, duster coats, and other similar items are not allowed.
- Coats should be no longer than mid-thigh.
- Hooded coats and pullovers may be worn. However, hoods themselves may only be worn when weather conditions (cold or wet) dictate such. However, hoods are not to be worn inside school buildings.