

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS – One of the most important non-verbal forms of communication is personal appearance. “Appropriate,” “suitable,” “proper,” and “neat” are four words to keep in mind when dressing for school, sports activities, church, or any other occasion. At Sims Middle School students are required to follow a dress code which is printed in below. Through the use of the dress code we stress to students the importance of appropriate appearance both at school and as they prepare to enter the world of work. We strongly encourage both students and parents to focus on the importance of “**DRESSING FOR SUCCESS.**”

The following items represent a guide for students attending Sims Middle School. In the area of personal dress and grooming, appropriate for school, the student must assume responsibility. Since fashion and styles change rapidly, school administrators reserve the right to determine whether a student’s dress satisfies the school’s policy.

1. Students may not wear any garment with obscene or offensive language or garments that portray or support drugs, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages. Garments that make innuendoes toward other unacceptable subjects are also not acceptable attire for school. Students may not wear any garments that portray association to any group that may be offensive to faculty or students.
2. Students may not wear any color, clothing, insignia, emblem, jewelry, or other objects in such a manner as to indicate membership or association with any secret organization or gang, including the wearing/displaying items which may have obscene meanings.
3. Students may not wear tank tops, halter-tops, spaghetti strap tops, muscle shirts, or undershirts as outer garments. Shirts that have straps less than 3 inches wide are not allowed. Layering of tank tops to achieve 3 inches is not acceptable.
4. All shirts and blouses are required to be long enough to be tucked in and stay tucked in when one’s hands are raised above the head. Shirts in which the midriff is exposed while sitting, standing or reaching are not permitted. The necklines must cover the view of cleavage while sitting, standing, or while one is moving. Students may not wear clothing that reveals undergarments, or blouses or shirts that are low cut or see-through. Sheer tops or blouses require dress code appropriate clothing underneath’ including 3-inch wide straps. Any clothing that is extremely tight may be deemed inappropriate.
5. Shorts, skirts, culottes, and dresses may be worn, but must be no shorter than 5 inches from the kneecap (this includes P.E. clothing). **Holes or threadbare holes 5 inches above the knee on jeans, pants or shorts are not allowed.** Shorts, skirts, culottes, and dresses should also not be so tight that they “ride up” while walking. Extremely tight (form-fitting pants, including but not limited to yoga pants, tights, leggings, spandex, jeggings, etc.) or transparent pants may not be worn unless a shirt, blouse, and/or dress is worn over them and the shirt, blouse, and/or dress can be no shorter than midway between the hip and knee. (Pants are to be worn at the natural waistline and cannot reveal undergarments - even if the shirt is covering the pants. The practice of “Sagging” is not allowed.)
6. Shoes must always be worn unless medically necessary.
7. Armbands, wristbands, belts, or other items with heavy metal projections and chains, including wallet chains, are prohibited.
8. Students may not wear hats or head coverings in the buildings. Students who need hats for any extracurricular event are to leave them in their backpack, or vehicle. Hoods are not allowed to be worn during school hours. In the event of inclement weather, and for the safety and protection of students, exceptions may be allowed by school officials.
9. Students are not permitted to draw special attention to themselves in a manner that can be deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the learning environment face paint, excessive body art, etc.).
10. Body piercings, other than ear, are not allowed. No clear studs are allowed. Piercings cannot be covered up by band aids.
11. Sunglasses are not to be worn unless medically indicated.
12. Bedroom attire, including pajamas and slippers, is not allowed.
13. Trench coats and furry attire (ears/tails) are not allowed.