

South Country Dress Code – Addendum to the Code of Conduct

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

The following standards of dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails, will be observed in all South Country School District schools:

1. All dress grooming and appearance must be safe, appropriate and non disruptive and must not interfere with the educational process.
2. Recognize that extremely brief garments are inappropriate and unacceptable. This may include but is not limited to the following: tank tops, backless tops, single shoulder tops, tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, exposed midriffs, plunging necklines (front or back), skirts/skorts above mid thigh length, shorts that are excessively tight, garments that are revealing or see-through, net/mesh garments and pajamas.
3. Underwear must be completely covered with outer clothing at all times.
4. Pants must be worn at the waist.
5. Shirts must be no longer than finger tip length.
6. If worn, belts or overalls straps must be buckled.
7. Footwear must be worn at all times and must be appropriate for school activities. Footwear posing a safety hazard, as determined by law or the building principal, will not be allowed.
8. Head apparel may not be worn inside the schools buildings. This includes but is not limited to hoods, hats and sunglasses.
9. Medals, medallions, jewelry with gang symbols or jewelry that may be deemed a weapon are not allowed. This includes but is not limited to, rings covering multiple fingers, spiked necklaces or belts, belts with large removable buckles, chain like neckwear, ninja type stars, etc...
10. No outerwear shall be worn during the school day.
11. The wearing of any item that contains offensive or obscene symbols, signs , slogans or words denigrating any persons race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation is not permitted.
12. The wearing of any item that contains language or symbols promoting or endorsing violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vandalism is prohibited.

13. The wearing of any combination of clothing which law enforcement agencies currently consider gang related (these may change) is prohibited.

Each building principal shall be responsible for informing all students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) of the Student Dress Code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the Dress Code which may be made during the school year.

In matters of opinion, the decision of school administration is final. School administration may allow exceptions in special circumstances including, but not limited to, medical or religious needs, holidays or special performances, and may further prescribe dress in certain classes such as physical education, vocational classes and science labs.

Students who violate the Student Dress Code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item.

Parents may be notified and requested to bring appropriate articles of clothing to school.

Any student who refuses to modify his/her dress shall be subject to disciplinary measures up to and including suspension for the day.

Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further disciplinary measures, up to and including out-of-school suspension.

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