

SYMBOLIC EXPRESSION: APPEARANCE/DRESS/GESTURE**PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for appropriate student dress**

While SCPS recognizes the rights of individuals to express themselves through their appearance, our paramount mission is the education of students. Any clothing or accessory that disrupts or detracts from the learning environment of the building/classroom will be curtailed.

Accordingly, the SCPS dress code is intended to allow for personal expression while maintaining a learning environment focused on instruction. As such, the administration reserves the right to define appropriate and inappropriate dress. **The administration will curtail instances where dress is inappropriate, unsafe, or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.**

Students in all grades will be prohibited from wearing:

- A. Clothing and accessories that promote alcohol, tobacco, or drug usage, or which display weapons or violence, or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.
- B. Clothing and accessories that contain vulgar, derogatory or suggestive diagrams, pictures, slogans which are religiously, ethnically, or sexually offensive, or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.
- C. Clothing symbolic of gangs or disruptive groups associated with threatening behavior, harassment or discrimination, or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.
- D. Clothing, accessories and/or any words, pictures, diagrams, etc., thereon which are lewd, vulgar, indecent, plainly offensive, or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.
- E. Clothing, accessories, head coverings (except in cases of documented medical diagnosis and religious observances) that obscure the identity of the individual (to include, hats, hoods, masks, sunglasses, tinted or designed lenses, etc.) or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.

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F. Clothing and accessories that present a danger or risk to others when used inappropriately (to include dog collars, chains, wallet chains, safety pins, spiked jewelry, fish hooks, etc.), or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.

G. Clothing or accessories that fail to completely cover undergarments or expose chest/cleavage, midriff, private parts, and in the case of pants, the waistband should not fall below the hips, or which cause or are likely to cause a disruption to the school learning environment.

H. Clothing and accessories that present a health risk or danger (to include inappropriate shoes for PE/CTE/school activity, fringes or loose clothing in CTE areas, blankets in hallways/stairways, etc.), or which cause or are likely to cause harm to self or others.

It is the expectation of SCPS that students dress for success. Repeated offenses of the Dress Code will be considered defiance.

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