

DRESS CODE

The Smyth County School Board prohibits dressing in such a way as to present a health or safety problem or disrupt the educational process. Students should dress with pride, self-respect, and decency in mind.

Student dress and grooming are important issues in creating a safe and orderly educational environment. The responsibility for establishing an environment conducive to learning is the shared responsibility of the parent and student in the selection of his or her appropriate apparel and the school administration for the enforcement of the Smyth County Schools Dress Code. Since children learn by example, parents are asked to abide by these standards of dress when they enter the school.

1. The hem of shorts and skirts shall extend at least beyond the mid-thigh.
2. Garments which display indecent or culturally offensive pictures or slogans, alcohol, drugs and tobacco advertisements, obscenities and undesirable slogans which convey vulgarity or sexually suggestive messages will not be permitted.
3. Necklines for female students shall be high enough to conceal any cleavage. Cut-away or see-through shirts and blouses are not appropriate unless another shirt is worn under them. Shirts must cover the abdomen and back at all times regardless of movement, standing or bending.
4. Tank-style sundresses, tank-style shirts, and muscle shirts may only be worn either over or under a shirt with sleeves. All sleeveless garments must come to at least the edge of the shoulder; administrators will treat each case individually in applying this standard.
5. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. Holes in clothes may not be above mid-thigh. Holes and/or sheers above mid-thigh that expose skin or undergarments are not permitted.
6. No outer garment shall be worn which reveals under garments. All pants must be worn at the waistline. Pants shall be worn with both legs rolled down.
7. Jewelry must be appropriate for school and not present a safety hazard. Spiked collars, spiked wristbands, chains or other jewelry or accessories which could pose a threat to student safety is not permitted.
8. No hats, caps, or scarves shall be worn as headwear in the building. Bandanas shall not be permitted on school premises.
9. Sunglasses shall not be worn in the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
10. Shoes shall be worn at all times. Footwear with wheels is not permitted.

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