

## SSMS Dress Code: 2016-17

### DRESS AND GROOMING (SSMS)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Startling, unusual, or immodest attire of any sort is not permitted. This includes fads in hairstyles, clothing or anything designed to attract attention to the individual or to disrupt the orderly conduct of the campus. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

#### Regarding pants/shorts/skirts:

Must fit properly: no sagging or extremely baggy/sloppy pants. Undergarments (including underwear, sliders, or shorts) must not be visible at any time.

Clothing with small tears or holes are acceptable, as long as no skin is showing through the hole if the hole is located higher than the student's fingertips when arms are extended down to the student's side.

Bicycle shorts, spandex, tights, jeggings or extremely tight fitting pants are ONLY allowed to be worn under clothing that already conforms to the dress code.

Shorts/dresses/skirts must be of a length that is in keeping with the spirit of modesty and decency.

Shorts: when shorts are pulled up appropriately at the student's waist, the short length must extend just below the student's fingertips when arms are down and hanging naturally at the side of the student's body.

Skirts/dresses: length must extend well below the student's fingertips. We realize that students' come in all sizes and shapes. Modesty and appropriate coverage are our concerns with regard to skirt and dress length.

#### Regarding shirts/tops/dresses:

Must fit properly (not too baggy, not too tight)

Low cut designs must be worn with modesty clothing underneath (t-shirt/cami/tank top) that completely covers any exposed cleavage

Shirts or dresses that expose the midriff or back, are "racer cut", have string straps, are strapless, are see through or low cut may not be worn without a modesty garment underneath or over the item of clothing that provides appropriate coverage.

Tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless jerseys, tall t-shirts, shirts with ragged/torn hems are not allowed.

Regarding clothing, accessories and jewelry, the following is PROHIBITED at SSMS:

Pajamas or house shoes

Mouth grills or other decorations

Caps, hats, head coverings, athletic style headbands and/or sunglasses (inside the building at any time)

Bandanas worn around the head or visible on any other area of the body

Trench coats or dusters

Any clothing that:

Is lewd, vulgar, morbid, slanderous, inciting, offensive or depicts violence or illegal activity

Depicts alcohol, drugs, tobacco, illegal substances or paraphernalia

Identifies/refers to gambling, gang activities, organized crime or satanic cults

Appropriate undergarments must be worn, but should not be visible at any time.

Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.

Regarding grooming and personal hygiene:

Students shall follow appropriate personal hygiene practices relative to body and clothing cleanliness. Students who are visibly dirty or have body odor will be counseled and given a chance to rectify the situation at school. Parents will be notified when possible.

Hair shall be neat, clean and well groomed.

For male students, hair shall be cut above the eyebrows in front, not to extend below the earlobes on the sides, and not to extend past the top of the shoulders when the student's head and neck are positioned naturally and the student is looking straight forward. Male students may not wear beads in the hair, pony tails, rat-tails, man-buns or any type of headband or head covering.

Students may not have unusual patterns, letters or numbers shaved or cut in the hair.

Unusual and distracting designs are not allowed.

Hair or streaks in the hair must be a "naturally occurring" hair color (blonde, brown, black, red or variations of each).

Hair shall not be combed or brushed in such a manner that covers an eye or eyes.

Hair height must not extend more than 3 inches from the scalp at any point on the scalp.

Students may not have mustaches or beards. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and not grown lower than the bottom of the earlobe.

Male students may not wear any type of ring, stud or spacer in any piercing on any part of their body.

Female students may wear earrings only. No other body or facial piercings are allowed. Very large or "gauge" type earrings, or extremely long dangle earrings are not allowed. No more than 2 earrings may be worn in each ear lobe.

If the administrator determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Students who refuse to follow the dress code repeatedly will lose the privilege of calling home to ask parents to deliver appropriate clothes to school. These students will be sent directly to ISS.