

## SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL 2011-2012

### DRESS CODE – Policy of Greenville County Schools

Greenville County School District students are expected to dress and be groomed in such a way as to not distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. Personal appearance of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a climate conducive to teaching and learning and project a positive image of the District to the community. Students should dress for the educational setting and not the recreational one. The principal may create further guidelines regarding student dress which are consistent with this policy.

Greenville County School District establishes the following requirements for school dress code policies for students:

- Clothing and/or hair should not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the education process. Therefore, **clothing deemed distracting, revealing, overly suggestive, or otherwise disruptive** will not be permitted.
- Wearing accessories or clothing that could pose a **safety threat** to oneself or others is not allowed.
- Students may not wear **hats and sunglasses** in the building.
- Attire must not evidence membership or **affiliation with a "gang"** in any negative sense of the term.
- Students must wear **proper shoes** at all times.
- Attire must not be **immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent or offensive**.
- The school will not permit clothing that **inappropriately exposes the body**. Students shall **not expose undergarments**.
- **Pants must be worn at the natural waistline** and undergarments may not be visible. Pants and slacks **must not bag, sag, or drag**.
- No clothing, jewelry, or tattoos are permitted that display profanity, suggestive phrases, advertisements for, or messages or pictures that **depict or suggest alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sex**.

The **administration will make the final judgment** on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any articles of clothing or other items that lead to or may result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment.

In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, the administration either will require the

student to change or will inform the student not to wear the garment to school again.

**Repeated violations of the dress code will be treated as disruptive behavior in violation of the District's Behavior Code.**

#### **At Sevier Middle School, the following additional standards will be enforced:**

1. Un-tucked shirts and tops may fall **no longer than the thumbs**. Longer tops must tuck in.
2. All students will wear **collared, sleeved shirts**. (Turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are collars.)
3. If a **T-shirt or jersey** is worn, it must be **over or under a collared, sleeved shirt**.
4. A collared shirt must be **buttoned**, if it is worn **over** another shirt without a collar.
5. If a **heavyweight, hooded sweatshirt** does **not zip, scoop, or otherwise open** in front, it **can be worn without a collared shirt** underneath.
6. Light sweaters, sweatshirts, or **zip-up** jackets may be worn over the collared shirt, **with the collar showing**.
7. All heavier jackets and full coats will go immediately to the locker upon arrival to the grade level hallway, and stay there until school ends.
8. If a belt is worn, it must be through the belt loops of the pants. If there are no loops, the **belt must fit at the waist**.
9. No messages may **run across** the seat of pants. Labels at waist or pocket are fine.
10. **Skirts and shorts** should fit and be in good taste and must be **fingertip length**.
11. Students may wear opaque leggings under a skirt or shorts reaching fingertip length.
12. Tears or holes in jeans or pants must fall **below the fingertips**.
13. Students may not **change clothes** or **apply make-up** in the hallway restrooms.
14. If a student's pants are **sagging below the waistline** a teacher will provide a zip tie to use as a belt. There is a twenty-five cents charge for the zip tie.
15. Students are not allowed to display **tattoos**.

T-shirts may be worn during Health class as to be considered part of a uniform.

Sanctions for violation of the student dress code will be the same as those outlined in the County code.