## **Dress Code**

Sevier Middle School students are expected to dress and be groomed in such a way as to not distract or cause disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of the school. Personal appearance and hygiene of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a climate conducive to learning, support career readiness, and project a positive image of the school to the community.

- 1. Clothing and/or hair should not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the school. Therefore, clothing deemed distracting, revealing, overly suggestive, or otherwise disruptive will not be permitted.
- 2. No clothing or jewelry is permitted that displays profanity, suggestive phrases, advertisements for, or messages or pictures that depict or suggest alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sex.
- 3. Students may not display tattoos.
- 4. Wearing accessories or clothing that could pose a safety threat to oneself or others is not allowed.
- 5. Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense of the term.
- 6. Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent or offensive.
- 7. All students will wear a polo-type or button front shirt. This collared and sleeved shirt or pullover top must be designed to fully close across the chest to the neck if completely buttoned, snapped, or zipped.
- 8. Crew-neck shirts will be allowed without a collared shirt on any school day. These shirts must be fully closed to the neck.
- 9. Students may not display a tank top under an open shirt front, nor tie up the shirt to expose an undershirt or midriff.
- 10. Clothing must cover the waist and back with no skin showing between the top and bottom garments, to include while seated or raising your hand.
- 11. Pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts:
  - -Wear at the natural waistline -- undergarments (including athletic shorts) must not be visible
  - -Wear a belt if necessary to keep pants in place
  - May not be too baggy nor immodestly form to the body
  - Pajama pants are not allowed.
  - No tears, shreds, or holes in lower garments may show from 4 inches above the knee.
  - Shorts, skirts and dresses must be no more than 4 inches above the knee AND must assure modesty when seated, traveling the stairs, or managing daily activities.
- 12. Students must wear shoes at all times. Rubber flip flops and bedroom slippers are not allowed.
- 13. Students may not wear hats or sunglasses on campus (except for Field Day).

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, contact the family to provide a change of clothes, or assign a disposition.