

STUDENT DRESS CODE -- SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015-2016

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 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 sport shirt**.
 - a. 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. Shirts with attached turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks are allowed.
 - b. Shirts cannot be **too tight** across the body or show **cleavage**. Students **may not display a tank top** under an open shirt front, **nor tie up the shirt** to expose an undershirt.
 - c. Sweaters, hoodies, fleece over-shirts, or warm-up jackets may be worn **over a collared shirt, with the collar showing**.
 - d. If a **T-shirt or athletic jersey** is worn, it must be over or under the **buttoned up collared shirt**.
 - e. T-shirts may be worn only during Physical Education/Health class as considered part of a uniform.
 - f. **Un-tucked shirts** and tops may fall no longer than the thumbs. Longer tops must tuck in.
8. 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.
9. **Pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts:**
 - a. Wear at the **natural waistline -- undergarments (including athletic shorts) may not be visible**
 - b. Wear a **belt if necessary** to keep pants in place
 - c. May not be too **baggy** nor immodestly **form to the body**
 - d. Skin **tight pants**, thin or clingy **warm-up pants**, or stretchy, fitted pants are not allowed
 - e. **Running shorts** and *pajama pants are not allowed*
 - f. **Opaque leggings (or "jeggings")** are allowed under a skirt or shorts reaching fingertip length
 - g. **No tears, shreds, or holes** in lower garments may show above the fingertips
 - h. Skirts and shorts must be **fingertip length**, AND must assure modesty when seated, travelling the stairs, or managing daily activities
10. Students must wear **proper shoes** at all times (no flip flops, athletic slides, or bedroom shoes).
11. **Facial jewelry** is permitted to be worn only on the ears.
12. Students may not wear **hats or sunglasses** in the building.
13. Heavy **jackets** and full **coats** will go immediately to the locker upon arrival to the grade level hallway, and stay there until school ends.

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.