

**SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**DRESS CODE**

This dress code policy was developed to make sure that all students are provided with a safe, respectful, situationally-appropriate, and productive learning environment. State law allows schools to regulate the dress of students and to ban those items that are disruptive or detrimental to the learning process. Attire may also be banned if it is sexually suggestive or obscene, related to gang activity, advocates the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco or is dangerous or unsafe. SPHS students of any gender should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students should be neat and clean.
- Shorts and skirts must be long enough to cover the entire buttocks and genitalia at all times, including when the student is standing, sitting, walking, or bending over.
- Tops and bottoms are required; swimwear and undergarments do not count as tops and bottoms.
- A shirt consists of opaque fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- The face and ears must be visible in class. With exceptions for health, cultural, and religious needs, students are encouraged to remove headwear inside buildings and to wear sun-protective hats while outside.

Not permitted are:

- Undergarments that are visible below the shoulders
- Clothing, jewelry, or other items of apparel that advocate or advertise drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco
- Clothing, jewelry, or other items of apparel that are deemed obscene, vulgar, or sexually suggestive
- Clothing, jewelry, or other items that advocate violence, racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice or are potentially libelous
- Any clothing or apparel that causes a disturbance in class or is unsafe

**Where the Dress Code is in effect:**

On campus during school hours

At school functions (e.g. football games, dances)

**Consequences for violations:**

First offense: The student will receive a verbal warning and be assigned loaner clothes from Student Services unless the student can supply appropriate alternative clothing or notify a parent/guardian to bring clothing. Loaner clothes must be washed and returned to Student Services within one week. If a student fails to return the clothes on time, a Saturday school will be assigned.

Future offenses: Same as above. In addition, the student is assigned Saturday School detention (four hours). The Student Services Office notifies the student's parent/guardian. The student may be suspended or disciplined for continued willful disobedience.

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