

# Smithville ISD

## 2018-2019 Student Dress Code

### DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

#### 2018-2019 Primary/Elementary Dress Code

Our dress code is designed to encourage and promote self-respect and pride in appearance on our campuses. The student's general appearance must meet the common standards of decency, modesty, and good taste. The primary consideration for students in deciding on what to wear and how to groom should be cleanliness, neatness, and appropriateness to the school. The dress code is applicable at all school functions.

#### All Students

- Students will select clothing, which will not include crop tops, muscle shirts, net shirts, extremely short dresses or skirts, biker shorts, or clothing with pictures and/or ads for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, offensive or obscene messages.
- No bare midriff visible when arms are raised.
- Sleeveless shirts (tank tops - straps should be at least 3 fingers in width) are permitted if shoulders are covered and shirt sides go up to the underarms.
- Pants must be worn at or above the waist with no hip huggers that bare the midriff.
- Clothing or shoes that have the appearance of sleepwear will not be permitted.
- All students will wear shoes.
- Tennis shoes are required for P.E.
- All shoes must have back straps behind the heels for safety.
- Heeley shoes (or similar type roller skate shoes) are not allowed.
- Flip-flops and clogs are not allowed.
- Students may wear earrings, but are prohibited from wearing other visible body piercing jewelry.
- Visible tattoos, both permanent and temporary, are not allowed.
- Wristbands should have messages appropriate for the school setting.
- Hats and caps can be worn outside only, unless the student can present a medical note stating otherwise.
- Bandannas, chains, and hip cloths are not acceptable.
- Hair will be clean and well-groomed and not extreme in style, appearance and/or color.
- Students are prohibited from wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other items that are evidence of membership or affiliation in a gang.

## Girls

- Students in grades PreK-5 may wear shorts, dresses, and skirts that extend to at least the middle finger when arms are held by the side in a relaxed posture.
- Girls are encouraged to wear shorts under dresses and skirts.
- Under garments cannot be visible.
- Age and physical development should be a consideration in determining the appropriateness of foundation garments.
- Appropriateness of the school setting will be the criteria for determining proper attire. Non-standard dress including but not limited to sundresses, pajama style pants, mini-skirts, and other fad clothing should be governed by this standard.

**The Administrative Staff has the final authority to determine the appropriateness of student appearance.**

### **2018-2019 Secondary Dress Code**

Our dress code is designed to encourage and promote self-respect and pride in appearance on our campuses. The student's general appearance must meet the common standards of decency, modesty, and good taste. The primary consideration for students in deciding on what to wear and how to groom should be cleanliness, neatness, and appropriateness to the school. The dress code is applicable at all school functions.

## All Students

- Appropriateness for the school setting will be the criterion for determining proper attire. Non-standard dress including but not limited to sundresses, pajama style pants, mini-skirts, and other fad clothes should be governed by this standard.
- Students will select clothing that will not include crop-tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, net shirts, extremely short dresses or skirts, biker shorts, or clothing with pictures, innuendos, or references to or ads for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or offensive or obscene messages.
- Age and physical development should be considered in determining the appropriateness of foundation garments.
- All shirts will be buttoned appropriately.
- No bare midriff visible when arms are raised.
- Undergarments cannot be visible.
- Pants must be worn at or above the waist.
- For all students, clothing with tears or holes that expose visible skin or undergarments above the knee will not be allowed. Leggings or sewn patches must be worn under the tears, shreds, or holes. No tears, shreds, or holes can be located in the pelvic or buttocks area.
- Over-sized clothing in length or size is not permitted.
- Sagging or baggy pants are not allowed.
- Clothing or shoes that have the appearance of sleepwear will not be permitted.
- All students will wear shoes. Toe shoes are permitted.

- Heeleys (or roller skate shoes) are not allowed.
- Students may wear earrings but are prohibited from wearing other visible body piercing jewelry. Ear gauging is not allowed under this code. Other facial or tongue piercing shall not be visible, or worn in a covered condition. A clear, non-visible retainer will be allowed to keep nose piercings from closing.
- Visible tattoos, both permanent and temporary, are not allowed.
- Sweat bands, caps, hats, skull caps, do-rags, visors, bandanas, chains, and hip cloths are not permitted at any time during school hours unless it is a part of a school uniform or is required due to a medical condition. Hoodies are not to be worn on the head.
- Hat and caps may be worn at athletic events.
- For all students, hair, including facial hair (males), will be clean and well-groomed and not extreme in style, appearance, and/or color.
- Students are prohibited from wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other items that are evidence of membership or affiliation in a gang.

#### Girls

- Shorts, dresses and skirts must extend to at least one inch above the knee. Leggings may be worn underneath shorts, skirts, or shirts of appropriate fingertip length. Students who choose to wear any type of tight fitting leg covering must, without exception, wear an appropriate length skirt, shirt, or shorts of fingertip length.
- Shoulder straps for females on dresses, blouses, shirts, etc. shall be no less than 3 inches in width.
- No visible cleavage.

#### Boys

- Sleeveless shirts for males are not permitted.
- Muscle shirts and tank tops, mesh shirts, or extra thin clothing are not acceptable.

**The Administrative Staff at each respective campus has the final authority to determine the appropriateness of student appearance.**

**Appropriateness for the school setting will be the ultimate criterion for determining proper attire.**

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 will 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.