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SCMS 2022-2023 Student Dress Code

The faculty of Stephens County Middle depends on the good judgment of our parents and the sensitivity of our students not to wear clothing that may cause disruption in the learning process. Parents or students who have specific questions about an item's appropriateness should consult the local school administration.

Stephens County School System is the workplace for our students. Therefore, proper modest attire is the expected norm for students at our schools. In an effort to establish positive and productive attitudes, the following guidelines are provided for modest and appropriate dress.

- Shorts and skirts must reach the fingertips when placed at the student's side. If fingertips are touching skin, this will be considered a dress code violation.
- Leggings may be worn as long as they are covered by a garment that meets dress code (fingertip length) and appropriately covers the buttocks and groin areas. Words or graphics cannot be on the seat of the pants, skirts or shorts.
- Clothing with open or frayed holes above extended fingertips will not be allowed.
- Bike/spandex shorts, cut-off leggings, etc., may not be worn.
- Pants with elastic waistbands may be worn as long as all other dress code conditions are met. All pants must be worn securely around the waist. Students may not wear pajamas to school.
- Sleeveless shirts must have straps at least 3 inches wide. No tank tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, mesh or see-through garments may be worn. Shirts cannot hang off the shoulder. The midriff must be covered at all times (no crop tops). No undergarments should be visible.
- Any other article of appearance that is physically revealing or provocative is not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and tied, buckled, or worn as the manufacturer intended. Shoes must have a sole. Bedroom slippers (shoes without a sole) are not allowed.
- Hoods, hats, caps, bandanas, headbands, or sunglasses may not be worn inside the building during the regular school day. Fish hooks may not be worn on hats. Head coverings may not be worn inside the building except for religious attire.
- Jewelry that projects violence or sexual innuendo is prohibited. Dog collars, neck/wallet/pocket chains, or spike necklaces/bracelets are not allowed. Items not designed as jewelry such as safety pins, staples, paper clips, etc., should not be worn as jewelry.
- Students are not permitted to write, draw, color, etc., on themselves while at school.
- Blankets and pillows are not permitted at school.
- Earbuds and/or headphones may not be worn at school (unless directed by the teacher for instructional purposes). They should not be worn in the hallways, cafeteria, car riders, etc. Students wishing to bring them to school must keep them in their book bag until school is dismissed.
- Garments and jewelry that display emblems relating to sex, drugs, weapons, obscenities, gang membership which includes bandanas, confederate flags and/or abusive substances, such as tobacco, drugs, alcohol products, or **anything deemed inappropriate or disruptive by the administration** may not be worn.

Students must adhere to the dress code or parents will be called to bring more clothes or to pick up the student.

If a parent/guardian is unable to be reached, the school may provide a seat for the student in ISS until the parent can be reached. Consequences will be administered to students who repeatedly violate this policy.

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