

## Madison Southern Dress Code

Except for students who enroll in courses which require special prescribed attire, students have the right of freedom on dress and on dress and appearance so long as dress or appearance does not present health or safety hazards, cause disruption of the educational process, violate any Kentucky Revised Statutes or Kentucky State Board of Education rule or regulation. The principal, staff, student body and community at large shall be appropriate in dress, personal appearance, and grooming in terms of the varied situations in which the school community operates. The principal or his/her designee on an individual basis shall deal with extremely exaggerated or immodest modes of dress and personal appearance. Any member of the faculty *or staff* who observes the violation shall send a pupil who is in violation of the dress code herein described to the principal *or assistant principals*. The principal *or his/her designee* may contact the parent/guardians and may send the student home to correct the violation if the violation cannot be corrected at school and shall assign punishment. The student may remove the offending clothing if appropriate, or exchange it for other appropriate clothing. The student will be allowed to return to school/class as soon as the correction is made.

- A. Any decal-type patch or emblem that is obscene, sexually suggestive, disrespectful, or which contains slogans, words, or in any way depicts alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any illegal, immoral, or racist implications is prohibited.
- B. Shorts and skirts which are loose fitting and non-revealing are acceptable. Shorts and skirts must reach the tips of fingers when arms are fully extended at side. Mini-skirts are not allowed. Body parts and underwear must be covered from the fingertips to the natural waist.
- C. Midriff blouses, halter-tops, backless tops, cut-away shirts, low-cut, form-fitting, or see-through clothing are not allowed. Sleeveless shirts are acceptable as long as the material covers the entire shoulder area and the entire undergarment. Any shirt, top, blouse, sweater, etc. must be long enough to tuck into the lower garment.
- D. Hats, hoods, bandannas (or other pieces of cloth worn as covering), and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in the building.

- E. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
- F. Clothing and jewelry that could be harmful or dangerous to other students is not allowed.
- G. No gang-related apparel or items are allowed. Gang symbols are defined as any article of clothing, badge, sign, lettering, hairdo, jewelry, emblem, symbol or other personal display or adornment which is intended by the student or is recognized or acknowledged by students or faculty to designate a gang symbol or signify affiliation with, participation in or approval of a gang.
- H. Pupils shall observe modesty, appropriateness, and neatness in clothing and personal appearance. Students are not permitted to wear pants, slacks, shorts, overalls, etc., so that the waist area of the garment is lower than the waist area of the student. Students are not appropriately dressed if a teacher or an administrator feels they are a disturbing influence in class or school because of their mode of dress.

If a situation arises that is not covered above, the principal or his/her designee will make a determination as to what is acceptable.

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(Chairperson Signature)