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Scandinavian Middle School



Dress and Grooming

Scandinavian Middle School strives to be an exemplary middle school. Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment that inspires our students with passion, power, and the skills to make positive life choices. To accomplish this, differentiation between the school learning environment and other social activities must be established. The guidelines for school attire for students meet this purpose. The District Standard Dress Attire policy applies to all students on school campuses and at school-sponsored functions.

EDUCATIONALLY APPROPRIATE DRESS and GROOMING POLICY:

Students are expected to wear their school IDs and lanyards while on campus. Any apparel, hair style, cosmetic or jewelry, even if not specifically mentioned below, which creates a safety concern, draws undue attention to the wearer, or tends to detract from the educational process is prohibited unless addressed elsewhere in this regulation. Additionally, the following items are specifically prohibited:

- 1) No hoodies will be allowed at any time. Bandanas and head bands will be allowed; however, red and blue rags will not be permitted, and they must be worn on the head and not hanging off a piece of clothing, backpack etc. No Bulldog/Chicago Bulls attire is acceptable on any article of clothing, hats, beanies, backpacks, etc.
- 2) Sunglasses are not to be worn in the classroom, offices or other school facilities (unless prescribed by a physician).
- 3) Shoes must be worn on campus and at all school functions and must have a solid bottom. There may be dress code requirements in PE, core and elective courses that require sneakers or closed shoes.
- 4) Underwear-type sleeveless shirts, crop tops, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low tops revealing chest, and sagging or bagging pants, pants that do not fit at the waist, or radically altered and/or clothing that excessively shows skin are not acceptable, ripped jeans must have leggings underneath. Leggings/jeggings or the like may not be worn except with a mid-thigh length top, blouse, shirt, or underneath frayed pants.
- 5) Any see-through clothing shall not be worn unless the undergarment is in dress code.
- 6) Dresses, skirts, and shorts are not to be excessively form fitting. Shorts and skirts may not extend more than 6" above the knee. Bike shorts (spandex) are acceptable, may not extend more than 6" above the knee.
- 7) Attire which may be used as a weapon may not be worn, including but not limited to steel toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, and other items deemed inappropriate by the Principal and or School Site Council.
- 8) Fashions that draw undue attention to the wearer, and distract from the educational environment, and cause a safety issue are not acceptable. This includes exotic clothing, extreme make-up, body

piercings, tattoos, body ink, writing or body art, etc. Shirts worn that are longer than mid-thigh (oversized) will not be allowed. Apparel with college teams are acceptable unless they have “Bulldogs” written on them or have an image of a bulldog. No items with Cookies and Backwoods.

- 9) Articles of clothing, jewelry, or personal effects (backpacks, lanyards, gym bags, water bottles, binders, shoelaces etc.) are not allowed if those items contain writing, symbols, pictures, or insignia that:
- a. Display gang-related symbols or colors, use profanity, are obscene, libelous, or slanderous.
 - b. Display products or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex, gambling, or any other illegal activity.
 - c. Disrupt the educational process and cause a safety issue.
 - d. Create a clear and present danger of commission of unlawful acts, violation of school regulations, or injury to students, staff, or community.
 - e. Violate state hate-crime laws.
 - f. Gang writing or stylized “tagging” on backpacks, notebooks, binders, body, or clothing is not acceptable.
- 10) Body piercing that could cause a safety issue will not be allowed.
- 11) Hairstyles which draw undue attention, detract from the educational environment, or cause a safety issue will not be allowed.
- 12) No pajamas, blankets, or slippers. Flannel pants with pockets allowed. Pajamas are only allowed for authorized, planned/scheduled school events.
- 13) No facial coverings such as neck gaiters, except for medical masks for health-related reasons. The combination of hoodies, hats, and facial coverings are prohibited due to safety concerns with identifying students on campus.

Consequences of Dress Code Violation:

Persistent violations shall be considered willful defiance of Education Code section 48900(k). As such, for multiple violations, students will be subject to discipline including counsel students, parent contact, detention, required to change clothes, remove piercings, or be placed in re-engagement. If students are causing a safety issue this could lead up to suspension.

Principal Option: Principals have discretion to disallow any items school-wide because of frequent violations of this regulation or items that are deemed a safety issue.