

Dress Code

Sequoia Middle School provides a safe, secure learning environment for all students. Therefore, we reserve the right to monitor the style of dress on campus and make appropriate adjustments to the dress of individuals, groups, or the entire student body, as is necessary to maintain a positive learning environment. Dress should be appropriate for school activities. Health and safety are guides to acceptable school attire. The purpose of these basic guidelines is not to infringe on any individual student's right to freedom of expression, but to encourage students to "dress for success" and come to school properly prepared for participating in the educational process. Below are dress code guidelines:

- Shorts, skirts, dresses, and ripped jeans need appropriate lengths for school.

○ Students should use this test as a guideline:

- Stand-up straight with your hands hanging down by your sides.
- Compare the tips of your fingers to the length of the clothing item:
 - If clothing item, holes, and /or rips in jeans are longer than the point where your fingertips rest, the clothing item is acceptable at Sequoia.
 - If your fingertips go beyond the length of the clothing item, holes, and/or rips in jeans and you touch bare skin the clothing item is NOT acceptable.

- Tank tops must have a two-inch strap around the shoulder (must not be an undershirt).
- Clothes should cover all undergarments (bras/bra straps, boxers, briefs, etc.).
- Clothing and jewelry shall be free of inappropriate writing, pictures, or any other symbols.

Examples include:

- Crude, vulgar, profane pictures, and/or words.
- Gang-related
- Sexually suggestive
- Advocates racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual orientation prejudice
- Encourages the use of drugs and/or alcohol
- Suggest an act which is illegal, hazardous, or harmful to one's health

- Pants must be worn at the waist.

○ Those which do not stay up at the waist without a belt are not acceptable. This includes:

- Sagging pants
- Pants which are intentionally manufactured to be overly large or short waisted/low cut are not permitted, regardless of waist size.
- Sewing pleats in oversized pants do not meet the dress code.

- Footwear should be appropriate for normal activities and should have hard comfortable soles and back/ankle straps.

Examples of footwear that are not allowed:

- Beach thongs (flip flops)
- Bedroom slippers
- Slides
- Crocs must be worn with back strap ("sport mode")

- Baseball caps free of crude, vulgar, and profane logos and/or words may be worn outdoors. Hats, hoods (on sweatshirts or shirts) and/or beanies should not be worn indoors at any time, unless there is a medical note from a doctor on file. Gang attire items are prohibited, including bandannas, headbands, and any attire with gang names or logos which may be seen as gang related by the school or district administration of the Fontana School Police Department.

- No heavy "wallet type" chains and/or other heavy chains are to be brought to school.

- Students are not allowed to wear shirts for friends to "autograph" to protect students from inappropriate or offensive comments that may be written.

- Unacceptable clothing includes but not limited to; pajamas, blankets, see-through garments, spaghetti straps, strapless, backless, halter-tie garments, bare midriff, or low-cut garments, and/or muscle shirt.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

Clothes must be changed with the use of PE clothes, the school loaner clothes, or clothes brought from home.

- 1st Offense: Warning
- 2nd Offense: Parent Contact
- 3rd Offense: Parent Contact and Other Means of Correction (OMOC)