



Southwest High School and Law Academy

2019-20 Dress Code

Dress Code Philosophy - How to show Patriot P.R.I.D.E.

We want to allow our students to be individuals and to express themselves through their choices of clothing. However, not all clothing choices are appropriate for school and the clothing students wear to school should meet our dress code restrictions and live up to these three principles:

1. **Exhibit INTEGRITY** - Your clothing should show that you respect yourself.
2. **Choose to be RESPECTful** - Your clothing should demonstrate that you respect others and our learning environment.
3. **Show EXCELLENCE** - Your clothing should convey the message that you are attending school for the purpose of learning.

Specific items that require special emphasis:

- **Bedroom slippers, and shower shoes** are not school attire. They will not be allowed.
- **Earbuds, headphones, and blue tooth devices** are not allowed to be used or worn inside the school during instructional time.
- **Leggings/Jeggings with or without pockets, Joggers** with or without pockets and **Yoga** pants with or without pockets worn as pants are not school attire. They will not be allowed to be worn to school.
- **Shorts, skirts, and dresses** must not be shorter than **2 inches above the knee**. If you aren't sure, then please do not wear them to school.

General Guidelines for ALL attire

- All clothing must be appropriately sized, and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which may not be seen through the garment.
- All shirts must have sleeves.
- Pants/shorts must not have holes or fraying, even if you bought them that way.
- All clothing must cover the body without openings, slits, or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short or too tight is not permitted.
- You should look like you actually got dressed to come to school, not just rolled out of bed!

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VISION

Each student will demonstrate strength of character and be college or career ready.

MISSION

The Bibb County School District develops a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.

NON-PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS: This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items. The School District may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year. Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in the office of each school.

The following items are **NOT PERMITTED:**

- Leggings/Jeggings with or without pockets, Joggers with or without pockets and Yoga pants with or without pockets worn as pants
- Slides including fur slides, Crocs, shower shoes, and any kind of bedroom shoe or slipper
- No pajamas
- Sleeveless shirts
- Any shirt or shirt/pants combination that shows bare midriff or skin around the waist
- Shorts or skirts/dresses that are shorter than two inches above the knee
- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry chains (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings, associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures, or emblems, or promotes aggression or violence. Any clothing, which advertises or advocates the use of a product, is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing which disrupts the learning process is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, “do-rags,” combs, picks, roach clips and curlers are not permitted. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school premises.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, jewelry, etc. **Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories that may present a danger or distraction to the school community as needed.**
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills
- Big shirts, jerseys or other oversized shirts. *NOTE: (School athletes may wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook). **Coaches have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.**
- All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process, such as dice, playing cards, laser pointers, games, toys or electronic devices.

STUDENT DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

- **1st Offense** - Written Warning/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment if clothing cannot be corrected to meet dress code.
- **2nd Offense** - Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/ May be removed from the learning environment if clothing cannot be corrected to meet dress code.
- **3rd Offense** - Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/ May be removed from the learning environment if clothing cannot be corrected to meet dress code. Teacher completes a referral to the counselor.
- **4th Offense** - Teacher contacts parent and completes office referral; Student may receive up to 2 days ISS.
- **5th Offense & Subsequent** - Teacher contacts parents and completes an office referral; if the dress code violation issue becomes a disruption or repetitious problem, subsequent consequences may escalate to in-school suspension of 3-5 days per occurrence. Repetitive dress code violations become a defiance issue, and may receive punishments beyond ISS including: required parent meetings, OSS, and referrals to the alternative school.