



## SANDHILLS MIDDLE DRESS CODE

**Purpose:** To establish the basic structure for determining appropriate dress standards for students at school and at school-related activities.

It is the responsibility of the board to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning. With this responsibility in mind, the Lexington 4 School Board adopts a dress code that meets the following criteria.

- Adheres to applicable legal standards
- Is appropriate from preschool through twelfth year of school
- Promotes an educational atmosphere conducive to learning

The basic responsibility for the appearance of students rests with the parents and the students themselves.

**Parents have the obligation and, within certain prescribed bounds, the right to determine their children's dress; however, they must follow these guidelines:**

- Attire that could pose a safety threat or could be destructive to school property is prohibited.
- Dress or grooming that could cause distractions or interference with the educational process or the rights of others is prohibited.
- Extraneous articles hanging from clothing, jewelry or personal belongings, such as chains, are prohibited.
- For health reasons, shoes must be worn. Bedroom shoes are not allowed.
- Pajamas, lingerie and items designed to be worn as sleepwear or underclothing may not be worn alone or over other clothing.
- Headwear, sunglasses, hair rollers, bandannas, picks/combs, etc. are prohibited inside school buildings. Hoods and hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Obscene, suggestive, inflammatory, racial, profane, and inappropriate writing on clothing or jewelry, as well as provocative pictures and advertisement of drugs and alcohol on clothing or jewelry is prohibited.
- Clothing or other articles that indicate membership in a gang are prohibited.
- No tank tops, halter-tops, spaghetti strap tops, fish-net shirts, low-cut shirts, cut-off shirts, sheer/see-through material, or bare mid-drifts are permitted.
- Shorts, mini-skirts, etc. are allowed with the following restrictions:
  - When the student stands straight and the garment is worn at the natural waistline, the garment can be no shorter than where the student's longest fingertip rests with arms naturally by the side.
  - The garment may not be made of clinging or form-fitting materials, such as but not limited to, bike shorts and pants, surfer pants, etc.
- Skin tight clinging pants, leggings, or jeggings are not allowed unless under a dress/skirt that meets length requirements.
- Pants must be worn at the natural waist line. Gym shorts may not be worn under jeans or pants.
- Holes in Jeans / Pants: No holes are allowed from the waist to the knees which are large enough for skin to show through the pants.
  - Tears/frays are okay as long as they do not show skin.
  - Tights can be worn under jeans if holes are questionable and not large or extensive.

The administration reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the appropriateness of any attire. The administration may make an exception to these guidelines for medical or religious requirements where appropriate documentation of the requirement is provided by a parent or guardian.

Habitual violations of the SMS Dress Code will result in disciplinary action.

### Dress Code Violations

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Parent contacted. If possible, violation addressed and student returned to class.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Parent contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school for the student to change into or the student will be sent home to change into appropriate attire. SMS Dress Code is provided to student and parent.

**3<sup>rd</sup> & further offenses:** Parent contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school for the student to change into or the student will be sent home to change into appropriate attire. Student discipline offense is recorded and consequence administered.