

SYVCS Dress Code

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The purpose of a dress code is to provide only what guidance is necessary to maintain a safe and healthy school environment. The dress code should allow teachers to focus on teaching, while also giving students, along with their families, the opportunity to make choices about attire based on individual and family values. The following guidelines are minimal in order to promote staff and student attention to the education that school is intended to provide.

All students must honor the dress code policy while at school:

1. All clothing, backpacks, book covers, etc., must reflect appropriate subject matter (no references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, no weapons, vulgarity, profanity, politics, or hate speech, no violent or sexually explicit language or images etc.)
2. Hats, hoods, beanies and sunglasses must be removed upon entering the classroom. Headwear for religious, cultural, or disability related attire will be permitted.
3. Clothes must allow for all movement and activity in which the student is expected to participate. (Recommendation that tank tops have a solid back with a 1" minimum strap, shorts have a minimum of 4" inseam, and skirts/dresses fall mid-thigh). Shirts must meet the waistline of bottoms when standing naturally. Undergarments are not permitted to be shown (waistbands and straps excluded.)
4. Close-toed, closed-heeled shoes must be worn at all times with safety being the concern. Proper athletic shoes must be worn during P.E. classes.
5. Accessories, which may include earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, etc., are permitted when student safety or learning is not compromised.

In any matter concerning dress code, the administration has the final authority.

The administration is committed to enforcing the dress code equitably, consistently, supportively, and with the least possible interruption to students' education.

Exceptions to the dress code can be granted by the administration as needed to honor religious practices as well as for educational accommodation.