

## Sullivan Middle School Dress Code

District board policy states that the board reserves the right to bar from school students whose personal appearance is disruptive to the educational process and orderly operation of the school. Discretion to formulate reasonable dress codes is left to the administration. Sullivan Middle School has adopted the following **Standard Code of Dress**:

1. Shirts must have a collar and sleeves. **V-neck collared shirts are prohibited.** Shirts must be polo/golf-type shirts in long or short sleeves. **Shirts may be any solid color without a logo.** All manufacturer's brand/slogan or other non-school logos on tops are prohibited. Stripes and trim colors on any tops are also prohibited.
2. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be of solid color without a logo, stripes, or patterns.
3. School-spirit shirts and hoodies with school logos are allowed. **Hoods may not be worn over the head at any time.**
4. Sweaters, cardigans, crew neck and sweatshirts of any solid color (without logos) are allowed. A shirt must be visible underneath the sweatshirt and sweater. No cropped sweaters.
5. Heavy or bulky outerwear (coats and jackets) are not to be worn in class or throughout the building.
6. Solid color (black, brown, khaki, gray, or navy) pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, or jumpers are allowed and must be worn fitting at the waist, not below the natural waist.
7. **Athletic-wind pants, stretch/skinny pants, jeggings, yoga pants, jeans, and sweats are prohibited.** All pants with belt loops must be worn with a belt that is properly buckled.
8. All shorts and skirts should be worn no shorter than four inches from the top of the knee. This will be measured from the top of the slit if on a skirt.
9. **Form-fitting, provocative, see-through, or torn clothing is prohibited. No skin can be visible between the pant and shirt at any time.**
10. **Offensive or suggestive writing, pictures, patches on clothing (including outerwear) and belt buckles are prohibited.** This includes advertising for alcohol, tobacco, or illegal products or depiction/promotion of racial, sexual, or violent behavior.
11. **Head coverings including, but not limited to, bandanas, stocking caps, do-rags (wave caps), scarves, hats or sunglasses are prohibited.** Sweatbands are permitted void of writing.
12. All students must wear shoes. Shoes designed to be tied or buckled must be tied or buckled. **For safety reasons, students will not be allowed to wear shower shoes, bedroom shoes, flip-flops, slides/mules or spiked or wedged high heels more than 2 inches high.** All shoes must have a back strap. Shoe straps must be sewn into the sole and not be able to pull out.
13. All long jewelry (that extends beyond the collar) must be tucked in regardless of the style. **Jewelry with spikes is not permitted.** This includes chokers, wristbands, dog leashes, chains, etc. Items that could be used as a weapon may not be worn or brought to school.

14. Clothing must be worn as the manufacturer intended. Shirts and jackets must not be worn tied around the waist or neck.
15. Students are expected to be in school dress code on any school sponsored field study unless special permission has been granted by a school administrator due to the nature of the activity.
16. School spirit t-shirts may only be worn on the designated spirit days. Spirit t-shirts may include any school sponsored club or activity.
17. **School administration reserves the authority to determine if a clothing item or accessory is disruptive to the safety of the learning environment.**

### **Dress Code for Dress Down Days**

In the event we have a dress down day, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Shirts and tops must be school-appropriate and not revealing.
2. Jeans are allowed during dress down days. Jeans may be any color or pattern but must not have holes or tears in them of any kind.
3. Dress down clothing cannot have inappropriate writing on it, fit appropriately, and must not interrupt the safety of the learning environment.

### **Dress Code Violations and Consequences**

Students who come to school inappropriately dressed and/or not conforming to the dress code will be subject to the following:

1. The students who violate the school's standard code of dress, will not be allowed to go class or participate in school-related activities.
2. The student will call home for appropriate clothing, and a parent will be given the opportunity to provide the student with appropriate clothes. The student will wait in the office or supervised designated area for clothing to be brought to the school or until the student is taken home to change into appropriate clothing.
3. The student will be given the opportunity to change into appropriate clothing provided by the school, if available, for the day.
4. If parent/guardian cannot provide school-appropriate clothing, the student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the duration of the school day.

Repeated violations will result in additional school consequences. Absences from class, as a result of dress code violations, are unlawful absences.

***If necessary, the administrative staff will meet to approve any attire not covered by the dress code. The principal reserves the right to repeal or amend any changes to the policy as necessary and will communicate all changes to students, parents/guardians, and staff in writing prior to implementing any changes. The principal also reserves the right to waive any of these rules for special days, events, and occasions as predetermined and adequately communicated to students, parents/guardians, and staff.***