



SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STANDARD CODE OF DRESS



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**:

- During school hours any solid color, collared top may be worn. All tops must be of one solid color and not contain any logos, patterns, polka dots, stripes or any other design. **Pins and/or stickers may not be used to cover logos.**
- Shirts must have a collar and sleeves. Students must wear golf type shirts in long or short sleeves. The neck opening must not be a V-opening, but one that buttons. **Only the top 2 factory buttons from the top of the collar may be undone.** All shirts must be tucked into their pants and **remain tucked in all day.** There can be no gap between the shirt and the pants. The shirt must be able to remain tucked in if a student raises his/her arms above his/her head.
- Any shirt, undershirts, mock turtlenecks, and turtlenecks may be worn under the approved tops noted in paragraph one. They must be a solid color with no designs or writing on them.
- **ONLY SMS** approved school logos may be worn on all collared tops worn throughout the day. This means any previous mentioned tops that students will keep on all day while on school property **CANNOT** have a logo or any writing at all unless it has been approved by the SMS administration beforehand. No manufacturer's brands/logo, no writing (including graffiti), or other non-school logos are permitted on tops except for jackets and other outer wear that will be placed in a student's locker once school starts.
- Jackets may **NOT** be worn in the SMS building. Therefore, students must dress in under-layers in cooler weather. At all times the outermost shirt must have a collar and meet dress code requirements.
- Sweaters, crew neck and hooded sweatshirts of any solid color **MAY BE WORN.** It **MAY NOT HAVE** a logo/symbol, and hoods **MAY NOT** be worn over the head. Sweaters must be a solid color and can be a pullover or cardigan type. A collared shirt must be visible underneath the sweatshirt and sweater.
- Any jackets or bulky outerwear (coats and jackets) must be placed in lockers at the start of the school day.
- School approved colors for all pants, shorts, skirts, capris, and skorts must be tan khaki, black or navy blue in color. Any shade of tan khaki is allowed. All pants must be of **cotton twill material** (no more than 2% spandex) of the type found in "chino/dockers" style pants. Cargo pants and shorts are permitted. All pants, shorts, skirts, capris, and skorts must be worn fitting at the waist---**NOT BELOW** the natural waist. Standard waist logos found on pants are permitted. All pants with belt loops must have a belt inserted through the belt loops and be properly buckled or a sash inserted through the belt loops with the sashes tied.
- All shorts, skirts, and skorts will be worn no shorter than 4 inches from the top of the knee. If a skirt has a slit, the top of the slit may be no higher than 4 inches above the knee. The following items are **NOT** appropriate for school: athletic pants, biker shorts, form-fitting clothes, and tattered or torn clothing. Pants made of corduroy, denim jean material (no matter the color), nylon, knit, and pants with more than 2% spandex are not allowed.
- Clothing must be worn with appropriate undergarments, and **undergarments must not be visible.** All clothing must be **size appropriate** with no bagging, sagging, or oversized clothes worn. Provocative clothing (thin straps, tube tops, low necklines, strapless, too tight, too short, muscle shirts, revealing clothing, tank tops, see-through clothing) is prohibited. No skin can be visible between the pant and shirt at any time. Shirts must be tucked into the pants.
- 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.
- Clothing must be worn as the manufacturer intended. Shirts and jackets must not be worn tied around the waist or neck.
- No students are to wear bandannas, stocking caps, do-rags (wave caps), hats or sunglasses at school. Sweatbands are permitted void of writing.
- Students' hair, including facial hair, must be neat and clean, and well groomed. No hair rollers, picks, or combs are allowed to be worn in the hair at school. The hair color (**non-human colors**) and style must not be extreme to the point of creating a distraction.



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- 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.
- Excessive jewelry such as beads, earrings, dog or neck studded or spiked collars, chains, bracelets, tongue, eyebrow or nose studs or rings that can create a distraction, or any items noted as gang-related, are prohibited. Excessiveness will be determined by administrative discretion. Students may need to remove jewelry during P.E. activity.
- Hairbrushes, combs, picks and the like should be left in the student's locker.
- All students will adhere to the dress code during the school day, until the student **LEAVES CAMPUS**.

DRESS DOWN DAY GUIDELINES

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

- Jeans must be of denim material and may be of any color or pattern. They may not have holes or tears in them of any kind (even if no skin is visible); nor may they have inappropriate writing on them. They must also fit appropriately.
- Shirts may not have inappropriate writing (refer to dress code) or be revealing.

The SMS principal may waive any of these rules on special days declaring special rules for that day.

FIELD STUDY GUIDELINES

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.

SPIRIT WEAR GUIDELINES

Sullivan Middle School will have "Sullivan Spirit Wear" available for purchase. Order forms are available in the front office. Students may also purchase school sweatshirts and pullovers to wear during the day as the weather turns cooler. Spirit t-shirts may only be worn on the designated spirit day, **Wednesday**, and must be tucked in when worn. Spirit t-shirts may include any school sponsored club or activity.

Consequences of Dress Code Violations

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

- Student will call home for appropriate clothing, and parent will be given the opportunity to provide their student with appropriate clothes.
- Student will wait in the office for one class period, or longer if agreed upon by administration and parent, for clothing to be brought to the school or until the student is taken home to change into appropriate clothing.
- Student will be given the opportunity to change into appropriate clothing provided by the school, if available, for the day.
- As a last option, the student will remain in the Behavior Intervention Program for the entire day.
- Repeated violations will result in additional school consequences. Absences from class as a result of dress code violations are unlawful absences.