

SYLACAUGA HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

All students are expected to be neat, well-groomed, and appropriately dressed at school and school activities. Sylacauga High School is concerned about the dress and appearance of our students. The primary concern is whether a student's appearance interferes with the educational process of the students. At no time should the student's appearance create a distraction or disruption. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to address individual instances of inappropriate dress or grooming which are not covered by these guidelines. It is felt that dress and grooming have a bearing on behavior and the learning environment of the school. It is hoped that our parents and students will assume the basic responsibility of adhering to good taste in the dress and appearance of students. If faculty, staff, or administration determines a student's dress or grooming to be inappropriate, the student will be required to report to an administrator's office. Students may be placed in ISI until a change of clothes can be brought to the school.

The following guidelines will be followed:

General

1. All clothing must be worn appropriately, be neat in appearance, and worn in a manner it was designed.
2. ALL clothing displaying controversial, vulgar, suggestive, or gang-related slogans are NOT allowed.

Bottoms - Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Dresses

- 3 NO shorts allowed for any student (exception during P.E./Athletics).
- 4 ALL pants must be worn at the waist level, be hemmed, and without holes or tears above the knee.
- 5 A belt is required for all pants that have belt loops.
- 6 Pajamas are not to be worn.
- 7 ALL skirts and dresses must come to the top of the knee while standing (front and back).
- 8 Leggings, jeggings, or other stretch material pants are not to be worn; unless worn under a dress, shirt, or skirt of appropriate length.

Tops - Shirts, Blouses

- 9 ALL tops must not be revealing or distracting and must be long enough that the midriff does not show while standing, sitting, or bending.
- 10 Tops must come up high enough, so cleavage is covered. Undergarments must not be visible, even through clothing.
- 11 Spaghetti straps, backless, or one shoulder tops are NOT allowed. The straps on dresses, tops, and shirts must be two inches wide.

Accessories

- 12 Long coats, jackets, and trench coats are NOT allowed.
- 13 Students are NOT to wear nor CARRY any caps, hats, bandannas, do-rags, sunglasses, combs, picks, or any other headwear.
- 14 All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that it is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing vision.
- 15 Students are NOT to shave head patterns i.e. - numbers, names, symbols, that could be considered gang-related or vulgar.
- 16 Students are not allowed to wear jewelry, ornaments, gauges, or accessories which distract or disrupt the educational process or that may cause injury to the student. For example, heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel or accessories, decorative dental appliances, permanent or temporary, decorative contact lenses, facial and tongue jewelry.

Shoes

- 17 House shoes are not to be worn.

NOTE: If there is any question about an article of clothing or jewelry, the student should ask the question of whether it could be offensive or cause undue attention or distraction. If **"YES"** is the answer, then the clothing or jewelry should not be worn to school. Students, who arrive at school inappropriately dressed, will be required to change into appropriate clothing or remove inappropriate jewelry. Rule of thumb: Cover shoulders to the knee. Students are provided with examples of appropriate and inappropriate attire during Advisory.