

Dress for Success in 2009



The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards and to teach respect for authority. The administration of each school shall have the discretion to determine if a student's attire, hair, and/or grooming is acceptable and within appropriate health and safety standards.

The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's or assistant principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of/or interference with normal school operations. The policy governing campus dress and grooming shall be enforced uniformly and fairly by the faculty and the administration. It shall be the responsibility of the professional staff to determine the appropriateness of proper dress for all school occasions.

Parents will be notified of inappropriate dress. All dress code regulations will be enforced. Each campus will determine appropriate disciplinary actions for students who do not abide by the district's dress code policy. There will be no absences due to dress code violations. Parents will receive a listing of consequences for dress code violations from each campus in which they have children enrolled. Those consequences can include, but are not limited to, verbal warnings, after-school detention and Saturday detention.

Because the code will be strictly enforced this year on all campuses, we suggest that you keep your receipts when purchasing clothes for this year in case an item is inappropriate. If in doubt, ask the campus principal.

Standardized dress regulations

Each student will wear standardized dress at all times with the exception of designated days. Campuses may designate special days where changes to the basic standardized dress code may be allowed in accordance with district guidelines. Principals may designate Fridays to include spirit shirts. Shirts are to be buttoned in the accepted manner. Proper undergarments must be worn at all times. All garments must be hemmed with no ragged edges, frays or worn holes and must be appropriately sized. Sunglasses, hats, caps or

other head coverings may not be worn on district transportation or worn in school buildings. No sheer/see-through garments will be allowed.

Allowable items for all campuses

Denim is allowed and must meet the same standards as other fabrics. Denim items must be one color, may have no decorations (buttons, embroidery, etc), may have no oversized or cargo pockets nor extra zippers. NOTE: Denim is a privilege. Individual students who repeatedly violate the denim issue will lose the privilege to wear denim. Repeated violations regarding denim clothing may result in the review and possible change of policy.

The following clothing items will be considered appropriate at all campuses in Sheldon; exception will be noted in individual sections.

Boys and Girls: pants, shorts, shirts and belt.

Girls: standardized dress will also include skirts, jumpers and skirts.

Tight-fitting clothing of any type is not acceptable.

Colors and regulations

I. For pk-12: Tops, including sweaters, sweatshirts and light jackets, must be **solid red, solid white or solid blue. Jackets may also be solid black.** No variations of red (e.g. pink or maroon) are allowed; however, navy, light and royal blue are acceptable. No logos of any type are acceptable. **For pk-5, the school color may be an additional campus color choice for SHIRT only (e.g. Royalwood may add purple).**

a. Shirts must have a traditional collar, be long- or short-sleeved and be of the pullover or oxford type; WHITE turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks are allowed under a collared shirt. All shirt tails must be long enough to be tucked in and remain tucked in during the normal course of school activities, such as reaching into lockers or bending down to tie shoe laces. Roll-overs are not considered to be tucked in and will not be acceptable; waistbands must be visible. Undershirts that are visible must be white.

b. Sweaters and sweatshirts may be pullover or button-front, but cannot have a hood. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be appropriately sized; regular shirt with collar must be visible under both.

c. If light jackets are worn during the instructional day, they must be of the full-zippered and full-buttoned front style, may not have

a hood and must remain open. No pullover jackets, flannel jackets or heavy coats may be worn during the school day; these items must be kept in lockers. School purchased letter jackets may be worn during the instructional day.

II. All pants, shorts and capris must be **solid blue, solid black or solid khaki, including olive**. All pants, including shorts and capris, are to be worn at the waist and not below the hips. They must be appropriately sized and may have no more than two fingers extra width at the waist for growth. No **logos larger than pocket size**, decorations, oversized pockets, etc. are allowed. Pants, capris and shorts must be traditional in appearance; stretch pants, sweat pants, overalls/coveralls, athletic shorts, drawstring waists, etc. are not allowed.

a. Capris are allowed for female students but not so tight that undergarments lines are visible.

b. Shorts : standard minimum length will be the mid-point from the middle of the knee to the end of the fingertips. Measurement is made by holding arms straight down to the side.

III. Skorts, skirts and jumpers will have a standard minimum length of the mid-point from the middle of the knee to the end of the fingertips. Measurement is made by holding arms straight down to the side.

IV. Belts must be worn at the waist if belt loops are present (middle and high school levels only.) No logos or monograms may appear on any item, including socks or belts.

Hair: must be neat, clean, well groomed and not obstructing the vision of the student. Males are to be clean-shaven with no mustaches or goatees. Sideburns may be no longer than the bottom of the ear lobe and not flared at the bottom. Hair shall be no longer than the bottom of the ear lobe on the sides, eyebrow length in the front and middle of the neck in the back on male students. Hairstyles shall not protrude over two inches from the skull. Designs, names, initials, **other distracting styles (mohawks)**, etc. will not be allowed in any hairstyle. Non-naturally occurring hair colors, e.g. orange, green, purple, etc. are unacceptable. Hair must be in compliance.

Shoes: Grades **6-12** will be allowed to wear rubber flip flops (with no lights), sandals and backless shoes. No house shoes of any kind are permitted. Acceptable shoes must be worn at all times.

Grades **5** or below must wear shoes with socks or hose at all times. Because these students wear the same shoes in their physical education classes, it is recommended they wear athletic shoes. Flip flops, sandals or backless shoes are prohibited.

Tattoos and jewelry: Visible tattoos are not allowed. Earrings on boys are considered inappropriate for school and are prohibited. No student will be permitted to wear non-traditional objects in or on other body parts (nose, eyelids, lips, tongue, etc.). Tongue piercings are both safety and educational issues. To prevent detection, children who violate the tongue piercing rules will avoid participating in class, which will adversely affect their education.