



## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

### **Effective August 16, 2018**

The Scott City R-I School District recognizes that a student's style of dress and/or grooming may reflect individual preference; however, such preferences must be selected within the constraints of reasonable rules and appropriate standards that are consistent with the maintenance of an effective learning atmosphere and good personal hygiene. The Board of Education expects each student's attire and grooming to promote a positive, safe and healthy environment within the school.

The Board of Education has determined that reasonable regulation of school attire and personal adornment is within its authority and consistent with its responsibility to provide an appropriate environment for learning. Although the Board recognizes that individual students have a right to free expression, that right must be balanced with the Board's responsibility to provide a safe, secure, and orderly educational environment for all students.

The following dress code will govern student dress for the Scott City R-I School District.

### **Shirts/Tops**

#### **Single layer styles -- (see additional requirements below)**

- Shirts must be a solid color, collared and have sleeves (i.e., long sleeve or short sleeve).
- District approved S.C. spirit wear: club/activity and sports clothing and jerseys.

#### **Other layer(s) styles -- (see additional requirements below)**

- Solid color vests, v-neck sweaters and v-neck sweatshirts are permitted but must have a solid shirt worn underneath them.
- Solid color turtleneck sweaters are permitted.
- Solid color crew neck sweatshirts or sweaters are permitted with a solid color shirt worn underneath.
- Pullovers and zippered jackets are permitted but must be a solid color and must have a solid color shirt worn underneath them.
- Solid color crew neck t-shirts are permitted only under collared shirts.

#### **Additional requirements for all shirts/tops:**

- Logos or other graphics should be located only on the front of tops and appropriately sized.
- Shirts that are excessively large, baggy, or skintight are prohibited. Shirts must be of a length and fit that are suitable to the build and stature of the student.
- Shirts must be tucked in if excessive in length or shirt is non-tailored. Excessive length is described as being longer than wrist when hands are down at sides.
- Shirts shall be clean, in good repair, and shall have no holes worn through, slashes or rips.

- Sheer or see-through material is not permitted.
- Shirts must be appropriately buttoned.
- Shirt tops and pant bottoms must overlap at all times, including when arms are raised.

### **Pants/Bottoms**

#### **Style(s) -- (see additional requirements below)**

- Solid color pants and capris are permitted.
- Solid color shorts (**non-athletic**), skirts, jumpers, dresses, and “skorts” (i.e., skirt shorts) are permitted **must be at least knee length**.
- Tights or leggings are permitted under dress code approved shorts, skirts, and dresses.
- Denim is permitted with no holes.
- Sweatpants, wind pants, and pajama pants are not permitted.

#### **Additional requirements for pants/bottoms:**

- Pants/bottoms that are excessively large, baggy, or skintight are prohibited. Pants should be sized to fit, neither skintight, oversized, sagging, nor dragging the ground.
- Pants/bottoms shall be clean, in good repair, and shall have no holes worn through, slashes, rips, tears, or shredded hemlines.
- Pants/bottoms should be at the waist-line and undergarments must not be visible.

### **Shoes**

- Shoes may be slip-on or lace up. For safety reasons, if equipped, shoes must be laced, tied, strapped, or hooked.
- House slippers, shower shoes, and flip-flops are not permitted.
- In Elementary school sandals, open toed shoes, or shoes with heels are not permitted. These are not appropriate for P.E. or playground activities.

### **Head Coverings/Sunglasses**

- Hoods, caps, hats or other similar head coverings shall not be worn to class or within the school building unless prescribed by a physician or previously approved by the school’s administration for religious reasons.
- Sunglasses (unless proscribed by a physician) shall not be worn to class or within the school building.

### **Athletic Attire**

- Athletic attire is acceptable only during physical education class time.

### **Spirit Wear**

- The building administration may designate days as “School Spirit Days.” During these days, allowances for standard dress may be amended. However, the guidelines regarding neatness, safety, modesty, and modes of apparel will be adhered to on these days.

### **Career Wear**

- If the student is enrolled in an off-campus program, they must change out of their career wear prior to returning to campus.

Where a bona fide religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the District’s dress code, reasonable accommodation shall be provided. Any student desiring accommodation shall notify the school principal in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the

request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy. Individuals who believe the dress code poses a financial hardship should contact the principal.

All dress code procedures will adhere to health and safety codes and comply with applicable law. No dress code procedure will impose dress and grooming rules based on gender in violation of Title IX.

Students who elect not to conform to the dress and grooming rules set forth by this policy will be subjected to disciplinary actions as defined by the district's Code of Student Conduct.

If any unusual situation relative to dress or grooming arises which is not specifically covered in this policy, the building administrator shall have the authority to rule on the appropriateness of the attire. Additionally, any dress not specifically mentioned above that materially disrupts the educational environment is prohibited.