

Frequent Dress Code Violations:

- **Young ladies who wear leggings still must wear a shirt, dress, shorts, or skirt that touches the top of the knees.**
- **No clothing will express violence, be obscene, suggest obscenity, suggest nudity, advertie alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or call for an illegal act.**

Dress Code for 2008 – 2009

1. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be worn to the knee (must be touching the top of the knee when standing up).
2. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist – sagging is not allowed.
3. Form fitting and tight fitting pants, shorts, skirts, shirts, blouses, and dresses are prohibited (includes during P.E. & Fitness class).
4. All shirts and dresses must have sleeves (sleeves will be determined as anything past the seam).
5. No head coverings are allowed during the school day (no hoods, head bands, bandannas, hats, hair curlers, or etc.).
6. Purses, make-up, cosmetics, hairbrushes, and fragranced sprays must be kept in the student's assigned locker.
7. All coats and heavy jackets must be kept in assigned locker or designated area in each classroom (lightweight jackets, coats, and sweaters are allowed to be worn during the regular school day).
8. Backpacks must be kept in locker except when going to electives (See rule #9 for additional information).
9. All Physical Education clothes must be carried in a clear plastic bag, book bag, or a mesh bag and must be stored in the student's locker during non-elective classes.
10. A student should be reasonable, use good judgment and avoid distracting influences as the key to proper dress. Included in these distractions are the see through clothing, undergarments worn as outerwear, and pajama bottoms and tops. Styles that exaggerate, emphasize, or call attention to anatomical details shall not be worn (see rule #3). Strapless attire will not be permitted. Students shall wear shoes to school (house shoes are not allowed).
11. Heely's (shoes with wheels) are not allowed on school property.
12. Cut or torn articles of clothing are not permitted. Jeans with holes in them may only be worn if a patch is sewn over or under the hole.
13. The stomach and back area must be covered at all times.
14. Clothing, jewelry, buttons and other forms of ornamentation (including those containing slogans, endorsements, or commentary) are permissible except when they make distracting noises, express violence, are obscene, suggest obscenity, suggest nudity, advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or call for an illegal act.
15. Eye glasses with tinted lenses may not be worn inside the school building except for medical reasons attested to by permission slip issued by the principal or school nurse in response to a doctor's note with time interval indicated.
16. No visible body piercing except for the ears is permitted. This includes tongue piercing as well as nose and eyebrow piercing.
17. The dress code is adopted in the interest of developing and maintaining a student body that is well groomed, neat and clean.
18. Since fashion changes from year to year, the administration will make the final decision as to what does and does not conform to the dress code.

When violations of these policies become manifest, the assistant principal, teacher, or staff member will inform the student of the violation and instruct him or her how to correct the non-compliance. If the student still does not conform to the SMS Dress Code, then the principal, assistant principal or designee will follow the current SMS discipline procedure for non-compliance with dress code and for repeat offenders the principal, assistant principal, or designee will follow the current SMS discipline procedure for defiance.

Students must be in compliance of SMS dress code when attending school dances at South Middle School.