

SMS Dress Code 2018-2019



Scottsburg Middle School has high standards for student appearance.

The SMS Dress Code is designed to

- reduce distractions that interfere with learning,
- promote student health and safety,
- promote positive student interactions, and
- prepare students for a working world where appearance may not be their choice.

Daily adherence to the expectations below will ensure that students are dressed for success at SMS.

- * All clothing must be clean and provide adequate coverage throughout the day.
- * Student apparel must provide full torso coverage from the shoulders to the length of the fingertips with arms extended down.
- * Clothing cannot be see-through.
- * Tops must have a sleeve.
- * Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- * Footwear must be worn at all times (shoes, boots, flip flops, etc.)
- * Apparel or accessories will not contain text or images that represent alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, slurs, gang-related messages or sexually suggestive images.
- * Hair and makeup must not be distracting.
- * Facial piercings (other than ear) and cosmetic contacts are not allowed.
- * Students are not to write on their skin or clothing at school.

The following items are not to be worn without administrative permission: outerwear, pajama pants/loungewear, slippers, shoes with heels in excess of 1 inch, wheeled or light-up shoes, clothing or accessories with spikes, pins, or otherwise potentially hazardous components, gloves or hand coverings, sunglasses, hats, or bandanas.

Violations? Students with questionable appearance can be referred to the administration by any staff member. The administrator will make final decisions regarding appearance. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to make changes as directed by the administration. This may mean changing clothes, calling for clothes, or wearing a school-provided alternative. In addition to the changes, dress code violators will be assigned a warning for the first violation and a detention for all subsequent appearance violations.

Any questions about student appearance should be directed to the administration.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is most important.

~Janet Lane