

Section 8            Dress  
Code

South Sioux City Community School District subscribes to the premise that teaching principles of good grooming and cleanliness are desirable facets of the educational process. We request parental support to work together to ensure our students follow the code listed below. Our public schools are sensitive to rapid changes in dress and grooming. However, we cannot accept those changes that depart from cleanliness, neatness, good taste, modesty and decency. Administrators must weigh community standards, harassment, or standards of others, along with individual rights. In general, appearances that detract from the learning atmosphere cannot be permitted. It is hoped that students in South Sioux City Community Schools will take pride in their appearance and their school. Please refer to the district website for picture representations modeling what is and is not appropriate. [http://www.sccardinals.org/assets/files/newsletters/ms/Aru>ropiate\\_Dress.pdf](http://www.sccardinals.org/assets/files/newsletters/ms/Aru>ropiate_Dress.pdf)

Student Attire Guideline

- Advertising of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and illegal drugs are not permitted. This includes jewelry.
- Tank tops are not permitted for boys or girls. All shirts must have shoulders, fit well in the armpit area, and not have plunging neckline.
- Walking shorts will be permitted. Cut off sweat pants are not permitted. Shorts, which depart from modesty and decency, are not permitted.  
(The fingertip rule may be used to check length of shorts)
- Two-piece outfits must touch at the waist. Bare midriffs are not permitted. The judgment will be made when the student is at regular stance or posture.
- Skirts and dresses are to be appropriate and modest.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Clothing usually worn as undergarments cannot be worn as outer garments: specifically boxer shorts will not be permitted. The wearing of caps or hats will not be permitted in the building during school hours. Wearing or carrying bandanas or colored handkerchiefs, unless approved by school officials, cannot be worn. (Violations will result in hats and bandanas being confiscated until the end of the school year.)
- The wearing of jeans with holes, slashes, and cuts above the knees will not be permitted.
- Certain types of apparel may, due to their offensive nature, whether written or implied, need to be designated inappropriate. (Such as but not limited to "Big Johnson", "Lucky's Lager", and "Co-Ed Naked".)
- Shirts that have questionable meanings deemed unacceptable in the educational setting will not be allowed.
- Any items which are worn and are disruptive to the educational process will not be accepted.