

Somerville ISD Dress Code

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and to maintain a positive learning environment.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the Principal's judgment, is not appropriate for school. The principal's determination shall be final. This list is the minimum requirement for dress regulations and does not address all possible situations.

Item	Acceptable Dress	Special Comments and Interpretations
Shirts, Blouses	Shirts/blouses may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any collared shirt/blouse ● T-shirts and other pull-over tops ● Sweatshirts/sweaters ● School designs/logos; brand names and/or other appropriate words are acceptable. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned in accordance with design and appropriateness.	Students are prohibited from wearing shirts/blouses that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Depict or reference alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images, and/or insults to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity, or other emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a material or substantial disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations ● Are undershirts, tank tops/spaghetti straps ● Low cut or exposes the midriff
Pants, Slacks	Pants, slacks must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worn at the waist ● Belted, if appropriate ● Leggings must be worn with a shirt or blouse no shorter than mid-thigh 	Pants/slacks may not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be baggy or oversized ● Pajamas ● Have holes or tears above mid-thigh unless worn over leggings or tights
Shorts	Shorts must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be no shorter than mid-thigh ● Meet the acceptable length requirement regardless of whether leggings are also worn 	Shorts may not be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Made of inappropriate form-fitting materials ● Baggy or oversized ● Split or fringed at the hem or seams ● Boxers or pajamas
Dresses, Skirts, Skorts	Dresses/skirts/skorts must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be worn at the waist (skirts/skorts) ● Be no shorter than mid-thigh (regardless of whether leggings are also worn) Tops of dresses must meet the guidelines required for blouses and shirts.	Dresses/skirts/skorts may not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be revealing/form-fitting ● Have slits above mid-thigh ● Have slashes above mid-thigh
Shoes	Shoes must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worn at all times ● Chosen for safety, health reasons and quietness Athletic shoes with a rubber sole closed toes, and full support around the heel should be worn for PE.	Not allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● House shoes ● Shoes with wheels

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Hair	Hair, including facial hair, must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Neat ● Clean ● Well-groomed 	Hair color and/or style may not be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distracting or ● Pose a safety hazard Designs and/or notches in eyebrows are prohibited
Jewelry	Acceptable forms of jewelry are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Earrings ● Single small nose stud ● Hair jewelry ● Watches ● Bracelets ● Rings ● Necklaces 	Not Allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jewelry that is considered gang-related ● Jewelry considered to be a safety hazard or a substantial disruption ● All other piercings ● Ear stretchers/gauges and grills ● Jewelry that may pose a safety hazard or disruption
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School-approved uniforms for physical education, athletics, pep rallies, etc., may be worn only during the class or activity for which they are approved. ● For unique or special events, the campus administration may establish event-specific dress code requirements. ● Appropriate undergarments must be worn and may not be visible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oversized outerwear, such as trench coats or dusters, and blankets are not allowed. ● Sunglasses, sport headbands, head coverings (including hats, scarves, caps, shower caps, bonnets, or hoods) shall not be worn indoors except in the interest of religious practices, safety, and cleanliness or with the permission of the principal. ● No article of apparel shall be worn that will in any way damage school property, create a safety hazard, or create a material or substantial disruption to the school environment. ● Tattoos, accessories, jewelry, and clothing that contain vulgar or inappropriate pictures, words or drawings, or gang-related markings are not permitted. ● Bandanas are prohibited at school and all school-related activities.

If the principal and/or the principal's designee determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes the loss of instructional time. If the student refuses to comply with the dress code and correct the problem, the student may be placed in ISS for the remainder of the school day.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.