



**Shelby County West Middle School
2020-2021 Dress Code**

All students should be clean and neat in dress and appearance. Any clothing, lack of clothing or article that is indecent or potentially dangerous will not be allowed.

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes and slippers are not considered acceptable footwear.
2. Shorts, dresses, skorts, or skirts in their appropriateness must be at least Finger-tip length when hands are placed at the students side.
3. Yoga pants/Tights/Leggings may not be worn without a skirt, dress, top, or shirt that is at least Finger-tip length when hands are placed at the students side.
4. All slacks, trousers, blue jeans, shorts, etc. must be worn around the waist and have no rips, holes, or tears that allow skin or undergarments to be visible above the knee. (rips, holes, and tears at or below the knee do not apply)
5. Tank tops, sleeveless tops, midriff tops, tube tops, strapless and halters worn by themselves are not allowed. Deep neck-lines are not appropriate.
6. Spandex should not be worn as primary item of clothing (bike shorts, muscle shirts, etc.) but can be worn underneath other articles of clothing.
7. Clothing featuring or depicting profanity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or gang related symbols, lewd pictures, or statements will not be allowed.
8. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. (boxer shorts, underwear, bras or bra straps, sports bras)
9. Head coverings such as Hats, Hoods, Masks, Sunglasses, Bandanas, Do-rags, skull caps, and skull wraps are not allowed
10. Long chains, fish hooks, dog collars, spikes, or other items that could cause harm or distraction to instruction are not allowed.
11. Heavy/bulky coats and/or jackets and gloves may be worn to school but must remain in the students locker during the instructional day (8:40am-3:35pm).
12. Backpacks, drawstring bags, purses, and athletic bags may not be worn or carried during the instructional day and must be stored in the students locker.

Enforcement

The school administration shall have the right to evaluate any clothing to determine its acceptability within the guidelines of the dress code. Administrators shall also have the right to make an interpretation on the decency and appropriateness of any garment. Administrators, teachers, and other certified personnel are responsible for enforcing the dress code. Possible exceptions for special days will be at the discretion of the administration.

Consequences

Students who fail to comply with the dress code may be sent home when deemed appropriate by school administrators and are subject to disciplinary action. Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained from the school administrator PRIOR to wearing the apparel to school.

1st Offense: correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian; conference with administrator

2nd Offense: correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to after-school detention