

Student Dress Code

Personal grooming indicates respect for oneself as well as for others and contributes to a positive educational atmosphere. State regulations require students to wear shoes at school. Students who wear apparel which is distracting to the learning process may be asked to leave school to change and will be considered as unexcused from any classes they miss. As a Surry County student, you should dress neatly and appropriately for school functions. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate to the educational environment of the school. The following attire is considered inappropriate for middle school students:

- Clothing or adornment that is disruptive to the teaching/learning process or hazardous to the health and safety of students and/or school personnel.
- Clothing that is revealing, indecent, vulgar, racially offensive, or obscene.
- Clothing which promotes alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or the use of controlled substances by words or symbols.
- Clothing that contains profanity, nudity, depicts violence, or is sexual in nature by words or symbols.
- Hats, sweatbands, bandannas, or sunglasses inside school buildings.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses shorter than mid-thigh.
- Shirts and blouses that do not cover the waist, midriff, or are above the waistline.
- Clothing worn in such a manner that an undergarment is exposed to view or which is generally revealing in nature.
- Grooming accessories worn in the hair.
- Skin-tight clothing such as athletic/dance/exercise attire.
- Footwear that may present a hazard to health and safety.
- Sheer or mesh clothing.
- Sleepwear or pajamas.

As part of Surry County's Safe School initiative, there will be a **no hat/head covering rule** in effect. Students will not be allowed to wear hats or caps in the buildings during the school day. Students who fail to observe this rule or dress in a manner which is distracting to the learning process will face disciplinary action. Dress code will follow SCSB Policy Code 4316 and Administration Rule #4. Specific information is available at each school.