

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

The School Board and Suffolk Public Schools Staff rely heavily on parents and students to support the division's policies. One of the fundamental purposes of school is to provide an appropriate environment for learning. A student will maintain personal attire and grooming standards that promote safety, health, and avoid unnecessary disruptions.

Suffolk Public Schools has established the following guidelines for student dress while in the classroom or participating in school-sponsored activities:

- 1.** Shirts and blouses must include at least 3" width on shoulders, garments (which includes skirts, dresses, and shorts) must not reveal any exposed skin 2" above the knee while standing. Leggings, jeggings, and workout clothes must be covered with a long shirt, skirt, or dress that covers the buttocks.
- 2.** Clothing must not reveal undergarments such as underwear, bras, and white undershirts. This includes any article of clothing that does not cover the midriff, back, reveals cleavage, sags below the beltline, or is sheer.
- 3.** Clothing and accessories may not advertise alcohol or illegal substances, depict lewd graphics, display offensive or obscene language, promote violence, or is gang related. Slogans and graphics are prohibited across the buttocks.
- 4.** Sunglasses may not be worn within the building. Wallet chains are not permitted.
- 5.** Unless worn for religious or medical reasons, head coverings are not permitted. This includes hats, hoods, bandanas, combs, and picks.
- 6.** All shoes worn should not pose a safety concern. Slides, flip flops, and slippers are not permitted. Sandals with a back strap are permitted. High heels must be an appropriate height for school activities.
- 7.** Sleepwear may be worn only during designated school functions.
- 8.** Clothing worn by a student must not cause a disruption and/or distract others from the educational process or pose a health or safety concern.