

Dress Code

Operating under a dress code rather than wearing uniforms is a privilege granted middle school students. Adherence to this policy and dress code effect on school culture is visited by the Board annually to determine whether to continue the privilege. Students in violation of dress code may call home for clothing or wear items we have washed from lost and found.

General Criteria

A student's personal dress and grooming shall not:

- Lead School staff to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from School activities; or
- Create health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.

The following expectations are required of all students:

- All clothing must fit and be worn appropriately (no underclothes may show)
- All clothing must be able to stand alone in meeting the dress code requirements.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- Beachwear is not allowed (including board shorts)

Pants/Shorts/Skirts

- "Bag and sag" pants (oversized pockets, oversized crotch, and oversized legs) are not allowed.
- Jeans, slacks, walking shorts, and skirts must be appropriately sized for the individual and may not be oversized or undersized in whole or part. **Pants and shorts must be hemmed (ends of pants cannot be torn/cut). There may be no large/excessive holes in articles of clothing that reveal skin. Pants must cover the backside even when seated or bending.**
- Biker shorts and other skin-tight or tight fitting apparel are not appropriate.
- Leggings/jeggings/tights may not be worn as pants but may be worn as tights under an appropriate length skirt or dress.
- Clothing must be no shorter than one-dollar bill's width above the kneecap.
- Students are required to wear long pants for science lab.

Shirts/Tops/Sweaters/Jackets/Coats

- Shirts that are designed to be tucked in shall be tucked in.
- Garments will not show the midriff or underclothes. No low cut fronts showing cleavage.
- If wearing the layered-look, all layers must comply with dress code.
- Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or inflammatory (e.g., alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, etc.) are also prohibited.

The following items of clothing are not appropriate for school wear:

- Muscle shirts
- Tank tops
- See-through, backless, bare-midriff, cut-out tops and/or strapless attire
- Tops with thin shoulder straps. Straps/sleeves must be at least three inches wide.
- All black clothing
- No sweaters or coats will be allowed to cover inappropriate dress

Hair

- Male students will be clean shaven
- Hair must be neat and clean. It must not cover the eyes.
- Colors, Designs, Styles must be modest in nature. Must not be distracting or offensive in nature.

Symbols

Any article of clothing that displays alcohol or drug slogans or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including, but not limited to, those that promote (suggest) sex, violence, or anti-social behavior will not be allowed.

Accessories

- Beads, earrings, wristbands, or other items, which symbolize anti-social group membership will not be worn. This includes spiked rings, other spiked jewelry, wallet chains, or other gang related jewelry.
- Head coverings - (for example, hats and caps) will not be worn or displayed at any time on campus during the school day unless the student is participating in a school-sponsored outdoor activity. The only exception is for religious purposes. On the second offense, the head covering will be confiscated until the end of the year.
- Oversized necklaces will not be permitted (i.e., dog chains).
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building unless needed for medical purposes.
- No blankets are to be brought to school.

Shoes

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- All shoes must fit appropriately
- It is required for the students to wear tennis shoes or sports shoes to activities such as P.E./Athletics or recess. Students are required to wear athletic or closed toe shoes for science lab.
- Platform, high heel or stacked sole shoes more than one inch high are not permitted.
- Steel toe shoes/boots are not allowed.
- Shoes with wheels connected are not permitted.
- Bedroom slippers are not allowed.

Body Markings/Tattoos/Earrings/Piercing

- Students will not be allowed to display tattoos while in school dress.
- Earrings and studs may be worn only in the earlobes.
- No other body piercing is permitted.

The campus principal/director has the final authority to determine whether a student's dress is within the requirements of the Seashore Middle Academy dress code. The director's judgment will determine whether any items of dress, mentioned or not mentioned in the campus dress code, will be considered inappropriate school attire. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to call home for a change of clothes, or they may wear clothes provided by the school (uniform clothing).

Dress Code Enforcement Procedures

If a student's dress or grooming is inappropriate or objectionable under these provisions, the Director

or designee shall request the student to make appropriate corrections and send a note/email home to the parents. If a student is out of dress code, the student may be asked to change into donated appropriate clothing if available. If the student continues to violate the dress code after written correction, the Director or designee shall take disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct, including removal from class until the student complies with the dress code. Decisions of the Director or designee regarding dress and grooming are final.