



**SOUTHWIND
HIGH SCHOOL**
Raising the Standard of Excellence One Student at a Time

Southwind High School Dress Code – SCS Policy 6021

The following expectations for student dress have been established to promote a safe and optimum learning environment. Apparel or appearance which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than to a learning situation must be avoided. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail.

The following standards will be observed in all Shelby County Middle and High Schools:

1. Pants must be worn at the waist and must be appropriately sized and at a safe length.
2. Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders and must have sleeves. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts with no midriff visible. Low-cut blouses, shirts, or tops or extremely tight tops, tube tops, or any top that exposes cleavage are prohibited. Shirts, blouses, and tops must be no longer than wrist-length.
3. Head apparel (such as hoods, hats, etc.), except for religious or medical purposes, must not be worn inside the school building.
4. Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity.
5. Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not display (1) racial or ethnic slurs/symbols, (2) gang affiliations, (3) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive images; nor should they promote products which students may not legally buy; such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
6. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
7. Sleepwear, pajamas, and/or blankets cannot be worn in school.
8. Waist length sweaters, sweatshirts, and lightweight jackets (appropriately sized) can be worn inside school for warmth.
9. Prohibited items include (1) large, long and/or heavy chains, (2) studded or chained accessories, (3) sunglasses, except for health purposes, (4) sleepwear and (5) skin-tight outer materials such as spandex; (6) facial jewelry (including tongue piercing).

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency, modesty, and safety.

The principal may allow exceptions in special circumstances or occasions such as holidays or special performances and may further prescribe dress in certain classes such as physical education, vocational classes, and science labs.

Any student not attired in accordance with the policy shall be subject to the following consequences:

1. Correct the violation or spend the remainder of the day in in-school suspension (ISS).
2. Repeat offenders shall be subject to additional measures which include parent conferences, in-school suspension, and out-of-school suspensions as described in the county-wide discipline policy.