

**SWIFT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
DRESS CODE POLICY
2011-2012**

The Swift Creek Student Dress Code is based on guidelines that promote student safety, respect, and school pride. Students must feel safe and be free of distractions in order to benefit fully from the learning environment. We are a body of diverse cultural and ethnic groups and our dress will show respect for our fellow students, staff, and visitors to our campus. Students are expected to dress in a manner that exemplifies the high standards expected of them. Additionally, students dress should promote a positive learning environment, school spirit, and unity.

The following are dress code violations:

1. Clothes whose fit is too tight or too loose.
- * 2. Baggy jeans/pants/shorts that show any garment underneath.
3. **Jeans/pants/shorts with holes, slits, or cuts above the knee whether flesh is revealed or not. Attempts to disguise or conceal the holes, slits, or cuts will still be considered a violation.**
4. Clothes that reveal cleavage, excessive arm pit, belly buttons, buttocks, bare backs, midriffs and underclothing (no men's tank undershirts).
5. Skirts, dresses, or shorts shorter than six (6) inches above the knee as measured by placing one knee on a flat surface, then measure up with a ruler.
6. Tank tops with sleeves/straps that are less than two (2) inches in width (over the shoulder), no bare-backed, strapless, spaghetti straps, or off the shoulder shirts.
7. Pajamas (tops or bottoms/pants), slippers or house shoes or bedroom shoes.
8. Layered clothing that does not adhere to the six (6) inch dress code (short skirts, dresses, shorts, holey jeans worn over leggings, or jeggings).
9. Items that are suggestive, offensive, or inappropriate (of a sexual nature, weapons, drug, tobacco, or alcohol related).
10. Items or "wear" that is gang related (e.g. bandanas, one rolled up pant leg).
11. Clothing that belongs at a special program (e.g. P.E. class, tennis outfit). Uniforms for sports and special activities sponsored by the school and district may be exempt from the Dress Code Policy if approved by the administration.
12. Accessories capable of causing injury (e.g. spikes, chains, wheels on sneakers, rubberbands).
13. Head coverings or sunglasses worn during the school day.

***In the event of a questionable dress code violation,
the principal or designee shall make the final decision.***

Students who dress in a manner inconsistent with the approved Dress Code Policy will be sent to the office and will be required to change clothes. In addition, there will be periodic dress code checks. All dress code violations will be documented and repeated violations will result in the following disciplinary action. Steps will be taken in the following order each time there is a violation until the situation is corrected.

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| 1 st Offense: | Violation is documented in planner; student will be required to change clothes. |
| 2 nd Offense: | Violation is documented in planner and student is issued a detention; student will be required to change clothes. |
| 3 rd Offense or more: | Violation is documented in planner and student is issued a referral resulting in ISD; student will be required to change clothes. |

* The consequences for Dress Code Violation #2 are defined in School Board Policy 3.06 and differ from above.

Our school is committed to consistent and fair implementation of the Dress Code Policy and students will be continually monitored.