

Southwest Leadership Academy

Dress Code

Decency, good taste, and pro-social standard of the community are to be maintained in dress and grooming by all students. The SLA dress code has been devised with the idea of promoting a positive learning atmosphere and wholesome attitude for each student. Any attire that is considered contrary to good hygiene, distractive, or disruptive in appearance, or detrimental to the educational environment or public image of the school will not be permitted. Administration has the right to determine if attire or appearance is inappropriate for school. Students should follow these guidelines:

- 1. Student's attire will not lead school officials to believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts, or other attributes are gang related or would disrupt or interfere with the educational environment.
- 2. Any attire too revealing or extremely form fitting will not be allowed. See-through outfits, bare midriffs, open backs, low-cut tops, tube tops, tank tops, halter tops, mesh or sleeveless shirts are not permitted. No skin should be visible between shirt and pants. Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- 3. Shoes must be worn at all times. (House shoes are not permitted) Sunglasses are not to be worn inside building or classrooms.
- 4. Shorts and skirts must be as long as the longest finger when the students arms are by the side of the body.
- 5. Clothing, accessories, or any items that advertise substances which are illegal for teenagers (Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, etc.) or which are otherwise inappropriate (profanity, sex, obscenities, violence, gang related, etc.) are not to be worn or brought to school.
- 6. Hats will not be worn in the classrooms and when worn in hallways will be facing with the bill of the hat forward.
- 7. Sagging is not allowed.

When a student is dressed in a manner that is likely to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school, the Dean of Students will administer the appropriate consequence. These may include calling parents to bring appropriate clothing, detention, Refocus, ISS, OSS, and/or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. A student sent home to change will be counted as an unexcused absence. Administrators have the final word in determining appropriate dress.