

Southwest Leadership Academy



School Year 2026-2027 SLA Dress Code Policy

At Southwest Leadership Academy (SLA), we recognize that professionalism is essential in preparing students for success in their future academic and career pursuits. To support this goal, we have implemented a dress code policy that reflects our dedication to maintaining a professional and respectful learning environment. This policy outlines our expectations for student attire and reinforces the values of discipline, responsibility, and personal pride.

Purpose

Our dress code policy is about more than just clothing—it's about showing pride in yourself and your school. Dressing with purpose helps build good habits like responsibility, self-respect, and making positive choices. When we all follow the dress code, we create a focused, respectful environment where everyone can feel confident and ready to succeed. It's one more way we show we're committed to being our best—every single day.

Prohibited Clothing Choices- The following clothing items are *not allowed* to be worn by students enrolled at SLA.

- Clothing (i.e., clothes, socks, hats, etc.) in reference to drugs/alcohol/smoking/cursing/slang terms/ or gang related
- Showing of Undergarments (sagging)
- Shorts, skirts, bodysuits, dresses shorter than fist hanging down
- House shoes/slippers
- Pajamas or pajama items
- See through, mesh, or fishnets
- Spikes, chains, safety pins
- Bonnets, bandanas, skull caps, Ski masks, head wraps, “beanies” or “doo-rags”.
- Spaghetti straps, crop tops, tube tops (mid-section/stomach) must be covered)

Enforcement and Support:

At SLA, we're committed to helping every student succeed—not just in academics, but in developing habits that lead to long-term success. Our faculty and staff will consistently and fairly uphold the dress code, while also offering support and clear communication to students and families. We're here to help everyone understand the expectations and why they matter.

If a student repeatedly chooses not to follow the dress code, appropriate steps will be taken to address the issue, always with the goal of growth and learning in mind.

We believe that dressing with purpose creates a more focused, respectful, and professional school environment. Thank you to our students, families, and staff for working together to uphold these standards and prepare for a successful future—both inside and outside the classroom.

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