

South Charlotte MS

Dress Code



South Charlotte Middle School respects each student's right to express themselves in the way they groom and dress. In return students are expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately. Student's attire should enable them to actively participate in learning, ensure their own safety, as well as the safety of other students and staff. The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians. The following dress code applies to all school and school-related events on and off campus.

Minimum Requirements for Dress and Grooming

1. Students must wear shoes and clothing including both a shirt and pants or equivalent which fully covers their upper torso including belly and chest as well as lower torso fully covering genitals and buttocks.
2. Clothing should have shoulder straps as well as opaque fabric in the front, back and on the sides under the arms. Clothing should fully cover undergarments excluding straps.
3. Specialized courses may require specialized attire and grooming – PE, sports uniforms, or safety gear.

Non-Allowable Dress and Grooming

1. Sunglasses and slippers may not be worn.
2. Hats and hoods may not be worn. Headwear for religious or grooming purposes may be worn but when possible should allow the face, eyes and ears of the student to be visible, and not interfere with the line of sight of any other student or staff member.
3. Clothing and accessories may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
4. Clothing and accessories may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
5. Clothing and accessories may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected groups.
6. Clothing and accessories, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff, or cause disturbances in the school setting.
7. Tattoos (real or temporary) may not depict or suggest any of the items listed above.

Administration reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available, or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing.