

Strath Haven Middle School/Strath Haven High School Dress Code
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The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board requires that all students wear appropriate and respectable dress while attending school. It is also necessary that students dress appropriately and respectably when attending or participating in any school sponsored activity. Clothing and accessories shall conform to the boundaries of decency as defined by the community's standard, shall not be disruptive to the educational process, nor considered a health or safety risk [from School Board Policy 221, "Dress and Grooming", adopted December 4, 2006].

1. All clothing shall be neat, clean, and in proper repair.
2. No hats, headbands, hoods or head coverings shall be worn inside the school building between 7:35am and 3:15 pm. Hairbands designed to hold hair in place are permissible. Religious head coverings may be worn as approved by school administration.
3. Footwear must be worn at all times.
4. As a standard, student tops must include a neckline that is modest, typically falling no more than three inches below the collarbone. In addition:
 - a. Tops must cover and conceal undergarments.
 - b. Sleeveless tops may be worn as long as the neckline meets the standard.
 - c. Camisoles, tank tops, and spaghetti straps are permissible under other layers of clothing that meet the standards above.
 - d. Tops with gaping arm holes and/or open backs are not permitted.
 - e. Tops must reach shorts, skirts, or pants comfortably, without exposing the midriff.
5. Shorts must have an inseam of three inches or greater. All pants, shorts and/or skirts must be worn either at the waist or without exposing undergarments or midriff. Skirts/dresses must be at least as long as shorts with a three inch inseam or worn over opaque tights/leggings.
6. Message T-shirts, sweatshirts, and similar apparel which encourage the use of drugs and alcohol or which cite unacceptable language or cite words or expressions having an unacceptable double meaning have no place in a school setting. Slogans and message shirts found to be provocative, suggestive, or inflammatory are prohibited, consistent with legal parameters.
7. Spandex and sheer leggings/hosiery designed to be worn under other clothing are not permitted to be worn as outerwear.
8. Students are not permitted to wear:
 - a. Clothing with sharp spikes, or metal pieces.
 - b. Safety pins, chains, choke collars.
 - c. Winter coats in classrooms.
 - d. Pajamas, slippers, or any sleepwear.

Note: Extracurricular sponsors also have the prerogative, in consultation with the Administration, to set reasonable codes of dress and grooming to suit the activity at practices, competitions, and/or Spirit days.

Consequences of violation of the dress code:

1. Discussion with student, home notification, requirement to change clothing.
2. A shirt or sweatpants may be provided by administration. Such clothing must be washed and returned to the administration, or held out as an obligation.
3. Further violations of the dress code may result in detention and/or suspension for defiance of authority.