



CODE OF ACCEPTABLE DRESS

Southbridge Academy is a learning environment and a place of business. As such, our expectation is that students will exercise maturity and responsibility with respect to behavior including their choice of attire. Students should take pride in their appearance and dress appropriately for success. Parents are also expected to monitor how their children dress for school. At any time during the school day, if a student is wearing an item of clothing not permitted by the following regulations, a member of the school team and student will seek resolution. As such, parents/guardians may be contacted to bring a change of clothing to school, or the school will provide appropriate clothing if possible. The student will not resume his/her regular schedule until clothing is modified. At the Principal's or Assistant Principal's discretion and with a parent's/guardian's permission, a student may be sent home to change into more appropriate clothing. A parent conference may be called to discuss the issue. If the problem persists, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

In addition, the following guidelines may be useful in helping students and parents to determine acceptable school attire, as the following items are permissible for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Clothing and footwear that are not considered "sleepwear"
- Tops that cover the shoulders, chest, back, midriff and undergarments
- Bottoms that fall to at least mid-thigh and cover undergarments
- Clothing may not be disruptive to the school environment; disruptive clothing may include clothing that is construed as sexual, obscene or violent, or as advertising drugs, alcohol or tobacco products; also, items that may be perceived as gang-related
- Apparel, accessories or other modes of appearance (such as tattoos) that do not in any way promote hatred regarding another person's race, color, sex, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation
- Jewelry, footwear, and other apparel that do not pose a threat of bodily harm to the wearer or other individuals

When a violation of the Code of Acceptable Dress occurs, the following steps will be taken:

Step 1: An attempt by the grade level administrator to resolve the issue with the student.

Step 2: Parent/Guardian will be contacted if necessary for student to be sent home to change clothes

Step 3: Parent-Administrator conference will be scheduled to discuss chronic violations and progressive disciplinary measures will be taken as necessary.