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Salisbury High School Dress Code

Neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness are the keystones of school dress and appearance at Salisbury High School. The purpose of the SHS dress code is to promote a school atmosphere where academics and good behaviors are primary. Salisbury High School's goals and vision are reflected each day by ALL stakeholders; therefore, a dress code policy promotes the ideals of a professional academic environment.

The SHS Dress Code policy is to achieve three goals:

- 1. Promote a respectful learning environment.**
- 2. Promote a safe learning environment where dress does not interfere with the successful and safe completion of learning activities.**
- 3. Promote an equitable and inclusive learning environment in which the dress code does not negatively impact any group based on race, sex, gender, identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, and/or body type/size.**

The responsibility of proper dress and grooming rests primarily with the student and his/her/their parents or guardians. We ask that students and parents/guardians work to ensure that the goals outlined above are being met with the student's school dress attire.

In addition, a student's personal dress and appearance must comply with any and all applicable state and federal safety regulations, especially while attending a lab or internships.

Torso must be covered at all times. All clothing must have fabric in the front, back, sides, and underarms with no space between the top and the bottom so that midsection and back are not exposed. Undergarments must be worn and not visible.

Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, internships and other activities where unique hazards and situations exist.

Pants, leggings, shorts, skirt or the equivalent must be worn at the waist and be appropriately sized.

Shoes must be closed-toe (no bedroom shoes or slides).

Shorts/Dresses/Skirts may be worn if the garment is not excessively short or tight. (General rule: Must be mid-thigh length).

Leggings (i.e. spandex, yoga pants, etc.) REQUIRE a top that reaches mid-thigh.

Pajamas nor bedroom slippers, slides, etc. may be worn to school.

Hats, hoodies, bandanas and other headwear of any kind may not be worn.

Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.

Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, identity, religion, socio-economic status, or body type/size.

Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.

Offensive clothing can sometimes be subjective to the individual; however, students should be aware that if symbols, words or pictures on clothing cause a substantial disruption of school, they will be asked to remove and replace the offensive clothing.