

## DRESS CODE / UNIFORM POLICY

It is Southwood High School's responsibility to enforce those parameters of proper attire for students in order to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning. Students found in possible violation will be referred directly to the discipline office. Any student in violation of the dress code will not be allowed to attend class until appropriate clothing is worn. Consequences for violation of the dress code include but are not limited to detention. The administration reserves the right to alter and announce changes in the dress code guidelines to address situations that interfere with an appropriate educational environment established by the Caddo Parish School Board or that may raise issues of safety as determined by the administration. Principals, after consultation with the School Improvement Committee, have the discretion to adjust the dress code to fit unique situations as long as the decision does not interfere with the requirements of Title IX.

The basic responsibility for the appearance of the students of Caddo Parish Schools rests with the parents and the students themselves. Parents have the obligation, and within certain prescribed bounds, the right to determine the student's dress. Students are to dress in apparel that is modest, tasteful, and that does not interfere with or distract from the educational process or rights of others. Students and their clothing should be neat, clean and well-groomed and must meet the following guidelines:

- Attire and/or accessories must not be destructive to school property.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist. No "sagging" is permitted.
- Headwear and hair rollers are prohibited in the building.
- Shirts, sweaters, jackets, and other tops worn over leggings must be no shorter than four inches above the knee. Skirts should be no more than four inches above the knee.
- Sunglasses are prohibited in the building unless they are prescribed.
- Bare midriffs, see-through garments, white undergarment type t-shirts, bare backs, halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, and cutoffs cannot be worn. There are to be no holes or tears in clothing on the school campus.
- Loose fitting shorts may be worn by students that are no more than four inches above the knee when standing.
- All shorts must be hemmed. Cutoff shorts, rolled up jeans, pajama pants, or spandex shorts cannot be worn. No other article of clothing can be worn beneath the shorts for viewing.
- Obscene, profane language or provocative pictures on clothing or jewelry is prohibited.
- Satanic, cult, clique, or gang-related symbolism in any form is prohibited on school campuses.
- Drug-related symbols in any form, including advertisement or promotion of alcohol or tobacco, are prohibited on campus.
- Bandanas and dew rags are prohibited on campus and will be confiscated.
- Hats are prohibited on campus and will be confiscated. Knit caps may be worn on campus during cold weather but may not be worn inside the building.
- Red/Blue/Green/Orange "fat boy" shoestrings are prohibited and will be confiscated.
- Jewelry that depicts drug paraphernalia, weapons, etc. is prohibited and will be confiscated.
- Necklaces may be no thicker than ¼" in diameter (rope/bead style) and may not hang below the chest area.
- Medallions may be no longer than 1 ½" in width and/or length.
- Students are prohibited from wearing another high school's logo or name on an article of clothing