

Spanish River High School

Dress Code Policy

Pride is taken in the appearance of Spanish River Students. School is the students' place of business and so we must prepare them to dress for success. Students must dress in a manner that does not constitute a disruption, safety hazard, or impropriety. The responsibility for the dress and appearance of each student, in accordance with school policies, properly rests with the student and his/her parent(s) guardian(s). The following guidelines are intended to enhance the school environment, minimize distractions, promote a sense of pride, and increase student achievement. Any dress code issues that are outside of the specified code will be handled at the discretion of the administration. Any information within the County Dress Code applies to all students as well.

1. Clothing must appropriately cover the body. There may be no bare midriffs, bare backs, bare sides, bare chests or cleavage showing. All blouses, shirts, and tops must be long enough to be tucked in. Tube, halter, or tank tops may not be worn. Students may not wear muscle or sleeveless shirts. An athletic jersey without a sleeved t-shirt underneath is not permitted. Clothing must cover all undergarments for all students. Shirts that expose bras and/or bra straps cannot be worn. Sweaters/Jackets are not permitted to hide dress code violations.
2. Undergarments may not be worn as outer garments and are not to be exposed at anytime.
3. Pajamas are not to be worn.
4. Pants or shorts must be worn at the waist. Pants or shorts pulled down to the edge of the shirt to cover are a violation.
5. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Skirts and dresses may not have a slit in the front nor can they have the slit rise above the knee in longer dresses.
6. Pants or shorts ripped or torn must not be above mid-thigh. No see-through clothing or clothing so tight it becomes see-through. Shoes with wheels, cleats, or soles that may cause damage to school property or endanger students may not be worn. Bedroom slippers, shower shoes, and bare feet not permissible.
7. No picks or hair rollers may be worn in the hair. No hats, hoods, bandanas, or any type of head wear that covers the face may be worn.
8. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors.
9. Dangling or exposed belts/chains may not be worn. Jewelry and other objects that may pose a safety hazard (Ex. Studded jewelry, sharp pendants, choke collars, studded belts, rings, or necklaces) are not permitted and will be confiscated.

10. Clothing, jewelry, buttons, etc. with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, insignia which are disruptive, obscene, profane, racist, suggestive, or related to gang affiliations, drug or alcohol use or implies illegal or immoral activity are not permitted. Clothing that is otherwise found to be offensive is not allowed.
11. Any other clothing issues that may not be specifically addressed in this policy should be inquired about with an administrator prior to wearing it. Any other issues will be determined at the discretion of the administration.

Because we wish to do all in our power to improve your academic performance and eliminate unnecessary distractions, the following school-wide procedures will be used to handle violations.

- a) At the start of each day every student will be checked for dress code violations by his or her teacher. This also will throughout the day.
- b) If the teacher feels a student is in violation of the dress policy the student will be immediately sent to Student Services.
- c) Once in Student Services the student will be required to call home for a change of clothes that meets the dress code policy. If the student is unable to get other clothing they will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day or until the violation is corrected.
- d) If a student changes into clothing that violates policy after he/she has been checked for compliance we will consider that insubordination and a referral will be written.
- e) The time that the student is out of class will be considered an unexcused absence and the student will not receive any credit for any missed assignments.