

THE DRESS CODE AT DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

SLC Directors/Assistant Principals will make interpretations for any article of clothing or jewelry not covered under the following regulations. The items below are simply a guide. If an item of clothing is deemed to be a safety issue or a disruption to the educational environment, a student may be asked to alter his/her appearance.

Pants:

1. Students are permitted to wear jeans or khakis of a solid color.
 - Jeans or khakis should be free of holes, tears, or frays.
 - Jeans or khakis should not have any patterns.
2. Students are not permitted to wear sweat pants, leggings, pajama pants, or tights.
3. Long pants are to be worn from when students return from Fall Break until students break for Spring Break.
 - Capri pants, shorts or skirts that cover or are within an inch of the knees when standing are acceptable until Fall Break begins and then can be worn again after students return from Spring Break.
 - Athletic shorts are not permitted at any time.
 - For religious purposes, full-length skirts are allowed year-round.
4. Pants must be worn at waist level (at or above the iliac crest bone).
5. Chains may not be worn attached to pants or shirts.

Shirts:

1. Shirts must have sleeves and should fit properly including covering the cleavage line and the entire torso.
2. Shirts must not have any inappropriate language (implied or stated) or promote any inappropriate product (drugs, alcohol, etc.).
3. Shirts are not permitted to have any holes; shirts should not be sheer or see through.

Outerwear:

1. Sweatshirts, sweater vests, cardigans or sweaters may be worn only (no heavy jackets or coats).
2. Hooded garments are not permitted. Hooded garments may be worn into the school but must be placed in the students' lockers.
3. Outerwear should meet the criteria of shirts stated above.
4. Hats, bandanas, or other similar head coverings are not allowed during the school day.

Identification Cards/Lanyards:

1. Students' Identification Cards (IDs) should be displayed at all times using the SLC lanyard provided to students at the beginning of the year.
2. New IDs and lanyards can be purchased for \$1 each if students have to replace either item.
3. Repeated violation of not properly displaying your ID will result in a Thursday Night School.

Cell Phones/Ear buds:

1. Students may possess cell phones.
2. Cell phones should remain on silent at all times during the school day.
3. Cell phones will be confiscated if they are used without permission.
4. Ear buds are permitted at the discretion of the teacher. Ear buds are not the same as headphones. Students should leave headphones at home.
5. Ear buds will be confiscated if they are used without permission.
6. If students choose to use ear buds in the hallway, one ear bud must always be out.
7. Items such as ear buds and cell phones are brought to school at your own risk.