

# DRESS CODE

*Student attire at Sarasota High School should reflect the fact that the school is where the student is engaged in “the business of learning.”*

Students have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

Comply with the school dress code by arriving to school appropriately clothed; wearing clothes that are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.

Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events.

Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.

Not wear items that encourage use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, or weapons, or support discrimination on the basis of, color, disability, national origin, marital status, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

*As in the world of work, clean and appropriate clothing and good personal hygiene are expected. A correlation exists between good grooming/personal attire and student achievement. A similar relationship exists between student dress and acceptable standards of conduct. Recognizing these relationships, the following dress practices **ARE REQUIRED IN SCHOOL:***

## **Tops**

Girls may wear sleeveless shirts or dresses but halter tops, tank tops and strapless tops are not allowed. Clothing should not be revealing and must cover shoulders by a four finger width.

Must cover the waist of the bottom apparel. The abdominal area shall not be exposed. There can be no gap, front or back, between your pants and top.

Cleavage must be covered.

## **Bottoms**

Must fit and be worn at the waist (“sagging” is NOT permitted).

Must not drag on the floor or have holes above the knees.

May not be shorter than the thumb of the downward extended arm/hand.

Stretch lycra, spandex, nylon tights, leotards, and biker pants must have a top that covers below the buttocks.

## **Shoes**

Footwear must be appropriate for classroom or school activity, worn at all times and securely fastened.

### **THE FOLLOWING DRESS PRACTICES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS:**

Any article of apparel that displays obscene words, pictures, or designs

Any article of apparel that conveys a sexually suggestive picture, design, word, or remark

Any article of apparel that references the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco

Pajamas and bedroom slippers

Boxer shorts and underwear worn as outer garments

Combs or picks worn in the hair

Sunglasses in buildings

Over-sized coats/trench coats

Chains, spikes, or anything with raised studs

Any clothing or item that disrupts the effective functions of the school or educational process

Apparel, headwear, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, are specifically identifiable as belonging to a disruptive group or gang

Hats and other head coverings upon entering any campus building

Wallet chains

Clothing that is transparent or exposes the midriff, navel, or cleavage

Clothing that is torn, ripped, or frayed (Pants may not have holes above the knees)

*Students in violation of this policy will be referred to the office and parents will be called to bring the proper school attire. If parents cannot be reached, students will be placed in an alternative setting. Students will not be permitted to attend classes inappropriately dressed and will receive consequences as follows:*

*1<sup>st</sup> offense- warning- change clothes- return to class*

*2<sup>nd</sup> offense- Change clothes- return to class- detention assigned*

*3<sup>rd</sup> offense- ISS assigned*

*4<sup>th</sup> offense- OSS assigned*