

**SHAMOKIN AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Adopted: June 16, 2015

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ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

DRESS AND GROOMING

The following dress and grooming requirements have been developed to ensure the safety and welfare of the students and the order of the school and to maintain an environment conducive to learning.

The following dress and grooming requirements shall apply to all students attending classes within Shamokin Area School District in grades K-12.

BOTTOMS

Dress, casual Docker ® style, or corduroy pants:	Khaki (tan/stone), Black and Navy, Grey
Dress or casual capri style pants:	Khaki (tan/stone), Black and Navy, Grey
Dress or casual Docker ® style shorts:	Khaki (tan/stone), Black and Navy, Grey
Dress or casual skirt/skort:	Khaki (tan/stone), Black and Navy, Grey

Permitted

- Opaque colors
- Contrasting colors (i.e. white top on black bottom)
- Appropriately sized bottoms (i.e. no more than one size larger than the student actually measures)
- Pleated or plain front bottoms
- Bottoms worn at the natural waist
- Pant length that meets the top of the shoe, but does not touch the floor, must be hemmed or have a standard cuff
- Full-length leggings/tights worn under the skirt/skort of appropriate length (no higher than the top of the knee cap)
- Solid-colored buckled belts, worn at the natural waistline (black, white, tan/khaki, grey, purple, navy or brown). Belt buckles must be plain, standard, and appropriate length for the waist.

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- Same color top and bottom (i.e. black top on black bottom)
- Extra wide, extra-long, baggy, or sagging bottoms
- Spandex, stretchable nylon, or other form-fitting material
- Cargo or carpenter type pants/shorts with multiple pockets down the leg area
- Pants with waistline below the student's natural waist
- Visible undergarments
- Skirt/Short length that is higher than the top of the knee cap
- Short length that is higher than the top of the knee cap
- Belt designs, emblems, insignias, monograms, logos, or studs

TOPS

Traditional 2 or 3 button Polo ® style (with collar): Any solid/opaque color

Standard oxford style shirt/blouse (with collar): Any solid/opaque color

Permitted

- Appropriately sized tops (i.e. no more than one size larger than the student actually measures)
- District or school logos/emblems
- Full-torso shirts/tops with a collar buttoned at the base of the neck
- Shirts/tops do not need to be tucked into the bottoms unless deemed necessary by administration
- Short, long, or three-quarter length sleeves
- Dresses that meet the standard for collar, sleeve, skirt length, and colors

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For layering purposes only in compliance with identified colors:

- Full-torso T-shirts – worn under the approved shirt
- Full-torso turtlenecks – mock or pullovers
- Full-torso cardigan sweaters
- Full-torso sweater
- Full-torso sweater vests or fleece

Not Permitted

- Long, baggy shirts
- Custom or Brand logos (i.e. Nike®), prints, strips, patterns, etc.
- Shirts/tops that are low cut, plunging or V-neckline - visible undergarments or cleavage
- Visible midriff
- Sleeveless shirts
- Tight or form-fitting dresses - spandex, stretchable nylon, or other form-fitting material; i.e. Yoga Pants
- Hooded, thermal tops/sweatshirts

Note: Apparel with the Shamokin Area School District/Athletic and/or extra-curricular logo, embroidery, monogramming (polo, shirts, sweaters/vests, warm-ups, etc.) may be worn provided it meets the requirements set forth in this policy.

FOOTWEAR

Permitted

- Shoes, sneakers, boots, sandals with back strap, clogs, or crocs
- Shoes with laces must be laced and the same color as the shoe
- Hosiery or tights worn (approved colors including skin tone) under the standard bottom
- Socks worn with bottoms in accordance with acceptable color selections

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- Slippers
- Flip-flops
- Heels in excess of 3 inches

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Permitted

- Neat, clean, and safe apparel
- Head bands of approved colors
- Scarves that are worn as an accessory item in approved policy colors

Not Permitted

- Wallet chains
- Clothing, hats, hair ornaments or implements, or any other material to indicate gang affiliation
- Head gear – including caps, hats, scarves, bandanas, hair nets, head bands, or do-rags
- Outerwear and head coverings (not dictated by Religious beliefs) worn after entering the building. Once entered items must be placed in the student's locker for the remainder of the day.
- Sunglasses, non-prescribed glasses, and unnaturally colored contacts
- Accessories deemed to be distracting, disruptive, or offensive in nature
- Hair grooming items such as combs, picks, etc. worn as accessories
- Clothing and accessories, including jewelry, which advertise or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs; or which are offensive, obscene, or immoral; or which are sexually suggestive, or promote statements which are derogatory to any racial, ethnic, or religious group; or which contain double meanings, advocate violent acts, or are gang-related; as determined by Administration.

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JEWELRY

Permitted

- Rings
- Earrings
- Watches
- Necklaces
- Wrist Bracelets
- Ankle Bracelets

Not Permitted

- Eyebrow rings/studs
- Tongue rings/studs
- Nose rings/studs
- Lip rings/studs
- Barbells
- Beads
- Beaded necklace (not dictated by Religious beliefs)
- Dog collars
- Heavy chains displayed on outer garments with or without medallions
- Spiked jewelry
- Temporary dental caps worn for ornamental reasons
- The connection between 2 body parts by piercing, attachment or otherwise, by means of a chain, string, or other physical means
- Band-Aid/Bandages used to cover-up body piercing
- Other inappropriate jewelry or adornments as determined by the administration

Note: The administration and/or teaching staff may require that students remove any jewelry or adornments if the manner in which they are worn or displayed are not appropriate and pose a danger to the safety or welfare of the student, other students, or staff and may pose a threat of interruption of the educational process.

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HAIR

- Hair color, including highlights, must be within the following spectrum of color: shades of blonde, black, auburn/red, and brunette.
- Fluorescent/rainbow colors are not permitted.
- Hair must be worn in a manner in which the student's vision is not obstructed.
- Hair must be worn in a manner which does not impede the vision of others or disrupts/distracts the educational process.

For Students In Grades K-6

Solid colored sweatpants/athletic wear or solid colored gym shorts in approved colors may be worn on Physical Education days.

Transfer Students

Upon enrollment in the Shamokin Area School District, new students will be granted a grace period of five (5) school days before being required to conform to this policy, but dress must comply with the spirit and intent of the Standardized Dress Code Policy

Opt-Out Statement

Religious/Medical/Special Needs Exemption: If the parent/guardian of a student has a religious belief, medical, or special needs situation which precludes strict compliance with the Standardized Dress Code Policy, the student's parent(s) may fill out the appropriate waiver form and submit all other documentation reasonably requested by the administration to establish their exemption.

Parents/Guardian requesting an exemption from the guidelines will be required to meet with the building principal and/or designee to discuss the guidelines and the nature of the circumstances necessitating a waiver.

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Following the meeting, the building principal and/or designee shall render a written decision, approving or denying the requested waiver, in whole or in part. Any exemption from the guidelines granted by the building principal and/or designee shall be limited to the minimum variance from the guidelines necessary in light of the specific, bona-fide religious, medical, or special needs situation, which precludes strict compliance. Documents generated regarding the request for exemption shall be filed in the school's office of the building administrator.

Economic Understanding

The requirements in this policy have been developed to impose the minimal amount of economic burden on families as possible while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the students and the order of the school.

Consequences for Non-Compliance

Consequences for non-compliance of this policy are outlined in the Student Handbook of the building where the student attends school. This policy is in effect based on the bell schedule for each building.

The Superintendent and/or designee shall promulgate rules and regulations to enforce this policy.