

## 5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

### Kindergarten – 8th Grade Uniform Policy

- A. Acceptable footwear must be worn at all times. “Acceptable footwear” is considered to have a back and hard bottom. Toes must be covered at all times. No open toed shoes are to be worn.
- B. Skirts, dresses, and shorts should be no higher than fingertip length above the knee to be considered appropriate. Shorts must be hemmed. No cut-offs are permitted.
- C. Students in Grades 6-8 may not wear Spandex, Leggings, and/or Yoga type tops or bottoms as an outer layer under any condition. Any such material is to be worn as an undergarment only with the appropriate top/bottom covering and may not be seen through to the skin. Students in Grades PK – 5 may wear cotton style pants.
- D. Shirts, blouses and sweaters must cover the shoulders and cover the entire body at all times. Sleeves must be hemmed – no cut-offs. Clothes should overlap to prevent the exposure of where clothing meets. Thin straps are prohibited. No cleavage should be visible on any student. Clothes cannot be revealing in nature.
- E. Fishnet and other see-through shirts, blouses, sweaters, and pants must have at least a tee-shirt type undergarment under them to be considered acceptable.
- F. Holes/rips in jeans showing exposed skin are not acceptable. Ripped jeans may be worn but only with an appropriate undergarment that covers the student’s skin.
- G. Leotards may be worn as an undergarment with shorts, dresses, or skirts in accordance to the length state above in B.
- H. Sunglasses may not be worn in any fashion in the building.
- I. The wearing of Scarfs on head, hats, bandannas, wave caps, and gloves in the building is not permitted at any time unless for religious purposes and/or permission granted by administration.



- J. The wearing of outer coats or jackets by anyone in Somerdale Park School is not permitted. The only exceptions for outer coats are when climatic (coldness) reasons are determined by the administrator or for medical reasons as determined by the Nurse or administration.
- K. Inappropriate jewelry, chains, wallet chains, pointed rings, rings connecting two (2) or more fingers are not permitted. Dog collars, handcuffs and excessive jewelry which could create a safety hazard to the individual, or other individuals, are unacceptable.
- L. Underwear may not be worn as outerwear. Pajamas or pajama-type attire (i.e. – plaid flannel) is unacceptable except when approved by administration.
- M. Obscene, offensive in nature, or indecent (sexually suggestive, double meaning), graphics and/or messages related to beer, liquor, tobacco, gangs, or controlled substances on clothing or jewelry are not permitted.

### Physical Education Uniform

Students in Grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, on designated gym days, will not change in the locker room. These students will participate in gym class in what they wear to school that day. Regardless of the weather, students must wear sneakers with laces or Velcro.

Students in Grades Six through Eight must have the appropriate gym uniform on for physical education class. Students may not wear the gym uniform to school; therefore, are required to change into the gym uniform before participating in physical education class. Clothes deemed part of the gym uniform and appropriate for physical education class will be available for purchase through the school store only. Spandex, Leggings, and/or Yoga type tops or bottoms may be worn as an underlayer/undergarment only. Pupils who do not have the appropriate Somerdale Park School gym uniform will be marked unprepared and points deducted from their grade.

In all cases, the administration will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of dress and the level of disruption and/ distraction that may result.

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