



South Early College High School Student Dress Code

College Visits / Field Trips Dress Code: For special events (i.e. grade level trips, college visits, field experiences) students are required to wear a School Spirit Shirt (SECHS, Summer Bridge, Advisory, Club/Organization, or One Goal T-shirts) appropriate bottoms, and closed toe/heel shoes. In certain instances, sponsors may require business casual or professional attire for special events. Being out of special event dress **may result** in being removed from attending the event or participating in the event, depending on the field trip requirements.

Daily Dress Code

Students are to dress appropriately for all school activities including in the classroom. Attire that violates the school policy, disrupts the educational process or jeopardizes the safety of others, is inappropriate. The dress code is always in effect while on-campus or while attending any HISD/SECHS sponsored event. Exceptions for special events will be explicitly communicated.

- **ID Badges**
A school provided student ID must always be worn on a lanyard or in a visible manner while on campus. (SECHS/HCC provided ID)
- **Shirts**
Cropped tops, tops with spaghetti straps, or backless tops may not be worn and this includes underneath jackets or sweaters. **All shirts must cover the top of the pants/waistband.** Shirts must be worn in a manner that does not expose cleavage and/or midriff. See-through/sheer tops may not be worn. Clothing with hoods are permitted on-campus; however to ensure the safety and security of all, and in order to properly identify all individuals on campus, **hoods must remain down on school grounds.** This includes outside in the courtyard before school and during lunch/passing periods.
- **Pants/Bottoms**
Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be knee length and not expose the thigh. **Students may wear leggings with a top/blouse of appropriate length.** See-through or sheer pants/bottoms are not permissible. **Pants/bottoms with revealing holes may not be worn.** Pants must be worn at the natural waistline. Undergarments should not be visible. Pajama pants may not be worn at school.
- **Footwear**
Students must always wear shoes. For safety reasons, closed-toe designs such as tennis or sneakers are recommended. Students may not wear slides or flip flops. All shoes must have a back strap. **Athletic "slides", "bubble" slippers, and "house" slippers are not permitted on campus.** Crocs must be worn in "sport mode" for safe transition in and around the campus. Students must wear closed toe/heel shoes as requested by SECHS staff for lab participation.
- **Headwear**
Headwear (**hats, hoodies, bonnets, do-rags, bandanas, beanies, skull caps etc.**) is

not permitted on campus. It must be placed out of sight (backpack) prior to entering campus. They are not permitted during lunch inside or outside in the courtyard. Headbands and headwraps made from cloth that are appropriate in a professional setting or worn for religious purposes are permitted.

- **Jewelry/Accessories**

Students may not wear clothing, jewelry, or personal items that:

- Are pornographic, reference sexual content, contain threats, or promote illegal or violent conduct such as the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia;
- Demonstrate hate group association/affiliation and/or use hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or other protected groups;
- Show private parts. Clothing must cover private parts in opaque (not able to be seen-through) material and undergarments must not be visible, or demonstrate gang association/affiliation
- **Stuffed animals, pillows, and blankets are not permitted on campus**
- Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the school building.

Note: South Early College administration reserves the right to determine if a student is in violation of the dress code policy or in any other way inappropriate. Administrative decisions will be final. If it is determined that a student is out of dress code, the student may not attend classes until they are in dress code. Further disciplinary consequences may be used if students display inappropriate behavior.

Consequences for Violations of Dress Code:

(Consequences may vary based on the severity of the violation)

- **First offense:** Student may be given the opportunity to change into appropriate clothes if he/she has some available. Parents will be notified. If a change of clothes is not available, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes. The student will not return to class until they are in dress code. Students will be given a written warning and a parent will be contacted.
- **Second offense:** Student may be given the opportunity to change into clothes if he/she has some available. If a change of clothes is not available, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes. In addition to not returning to class, a parent will be contacted, and the student will be assigned detention.
- **Third offense:** Student may be given the opportunity to change into clothes if he/she has some available. If a change of clothes is not available, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes. The parent will be contacted. The student will receive two detentions. Repeated violations may result in a more severe response or referral to level two offense. If a student continues to violate the dress code policy, it may result in a suspension and/or further disciplinary consequences.

Confiscated hats, hoodies, or blankets must be picked up in the front office or from the students' dean. For repeat offenses, a parent must come and pick up the item. Any inappropriate clothing/accessories must be picked up by a parent. They will not be returned directly to the student. At the end of the semester, any unclaimed items will be donated.

Student Dress Code Acknowledgement

The faculty and staff of South Early College High School expect students to come to school each day dressed appropriately, according to dress code, to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus. In addition to daily dress expectations, appearance should be neat and suitable at all-times including while representing South Early College High School at school related activities.

Student Name (Printed)

ID Number

Student Signature

Date