

DRESS AND STUDENT APPEARANCE

School is a place of serious business; therefore, a certain amount of business decorum is required. Some students are distracted by the dress and/or attire of others. Oscar Smith High School has an obligation to address the educational needs of all students, and since distracting and/or inappropriate dress is likely to interfere with the educational needs of some, such dress cannot be worn to school. School Board Policy regulates student dress. Students will be expected to keep themselves modest, well-groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Any student whose appearance is considered contrary to good hygiene, distracting to other students or in any way disruptive to the learning environment will be removed from classes. An effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian to bring appropriate clothing for the first offense. Failure to correct the dress code violation will result in further disciplinary action including but not limited to being placed in the In-School Suspension room for the remainder of the day. Continued and repeated dress code violations may result in, but is not limited to, Out of School Suspension. Extremely brief dress will not be permitted. **Dress code limits change as clothing trends and styles change. Below is a general list to assist parents/guardians and students in determining appropriate dress. Preparation of a comprehensive list is not possible. The administration reserves the right to make decisions based on situations other than those listed below.**

- No hats, caps, wide headbands, du-rags, goggles, or sunglasses
 - These items or items like them may NOT be worn inside.
- No bandanas
 - They are NOT permitted in school on heads or in pockets. They are not to be brought into the building.
- No strapless tops
- No halter or racerback tops
- No exposed midriffs
- No low necklines
 - Cleavage should not be visible.
- No tank tops or spaghetti straps
 - We do not measure straps for width. They are NOT allowed.
- No short shorts or skirts
 - Shorts & skirts cannot be higher than 3 inches above the knee. ***Please note that wearing Leggings/tights does not alter the required length of shorts and skirts!***
- No sheer clothing allowing undergarments and/or dress code violation to be visible.
- No clothing or jewelry with symbols, slogans, or pictures depicting gangs, tobacco, violence, alcohol, or other drugs.
- No clothing making or suggesting sexual and/or other inappropriate statements.
- No wallet chains or large-linked chains
 - They may NOT be worn as jewelry or used as key chains.
- No collars or bracelets with protruding metal spikes.
- Leggings, jeggings, yoga pants or other tight-fitting pants can **ONLY** be worn with a top that hangs no higher than 3 inches from the knee (both front and back).
- Flip flop shoes should not be worn, however if worn they are worn at your own risk.
- **No SAGGING** of pants
 - Pants must be worn at the waist.
- **No exposed undergarments**
 - ***Please note that wearing an over-sized t-shirt does not alter the requirement of wearing pants at the waist! Please see diagrams below.***

SAGGING PANTS

