

Dress Code

The SEM dress code exists to allow students to express their individual style while creating an environment that is safe, comfortable, and focused on learning. The dress code allows the freedom to choose clothing that is comfortable while acknowledging SEM as a serious academic institution. There will be formal dress days planned for specific occasions. Guidelines will be provided for those days. The chart following this overview serves as a quick reference.

Please note, some modifications have been made to the dress code for the 2017-2018 academic year. A chart of what is not permitted has been provided. Please note, leggings must be opaque, heavy weight, solid color, no prints, symbols, stripes, words or logos. Leggings are only permitted with a dress top no shorter than thigh length. Sweatshirts, SEM gear, T-shirts, long sleeved T-shirts are not permitted with leggings. SEM gear is permitted with skirts and pants only.

Each Friday of the school year is a dress down day; students will be notified if there is a special occasion in which the dress code remains in effect.

It is the responsibility of each student to check her attire before leaving for school, and we ask that parents join with us in reinforcing the importance of adhering to our dress code. As a community, we strive to dress in a manner which supports a positive learning environment for all. Student attire will be checked each morning before Morning Meeting by their respective Class Dean.

A student found out of dress code will be not be allowed to attend Morning Meeting, classes, or school activities, and will be asked to change before being allowed to participate. After three violations parents will be notified. If the concern persists, a meeting will be held with the student, her parent(s), and the Dean of Students.

Dress Code Quick Reference Chart:

Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing and outerwear that advocates for a specific political position, references illegal drugs, alcohol, or violence, or contains obscenity or hate speech in words, graphics, images, or logos is NEVER permitted • Soiled, ripped, torn, unhemmed clothing • Tops with words, graphics, images on front or back • Camisoles worn alone as shirts • Visible undergarments, except for straps • Strapless or spaghetti strap tops and dresses without a sweater or jacket • Tops that reveal a student's midriff • Tops/dresses with straps less than two fingers in width • Dresses/skirts/shorts less than fingertip length • Athletic gear, sweatpants, track pants, athletic shorts • Leggings with patterns, words, logos, stripes, shear fabrics. Leggings must be opaque, heavyweight, solid color and must be worn with a dress top at least thigh length. • SEM gear, sweatshirts, T-shirts, and long sleeved T-shirts are not permitted with leggings • Blue denim shorts or pants • Blankets • Pajamas • Hats, beanies, caps, hoods, or other headwear that hide a student's face (except with special medical or religious accommodation) • Facial jewelry other than earrings and a single nose piercing • Flip-flops, slippers, pool deck/shower shoes • Coats within the building
Permitted Only on Fridays and as Announced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tops with words, graphics, images, or logos on them • Blue denim free of rips and tears • Hats, caps or beanies • Seasonally: shorts and rompers at least fingertip length, any color except blue denim, non-athletic, may be worn as announced