

2017-18 Sussex County Charter School Uniform Policy

The Board of Trustees recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the student's personal choices and style. However, student may not wear clothing or engage in grooming practices that endangers their health or safety, or the health or safety of other students; creates disorder or disrupts the educational environment; causes excessive wear or damage to school property; or prevents the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives. SCCST prohibits students from wearing any type of clothing, apparel, or accessory that indicates the student has membership in, or affiliation with, any gang associated with criminal activities while on school property or at a school sponsored event. Apparel with biased, offensive or profane message, alcohol, drug, tobacco, or sexual references will not be allowed. Also, wearing or possessing items depicting or implying racial hatred, stereotyping, or prejudice will not be tolerated.

The Uniform Policy is meant to ensure appropriate dress at school and may not include specifics regarding changes in trends. Please be aware that the Uniform Policy may be modified from time to time during the school year to more clearly define appropriate dress for school. Any student who comes to school dressed inappropriately will be asked to change his/her clothing. If a student does not have something appropriate to wear, his/her parents will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school. Students will be given an option to borrow clothing from the main office to change as available. Special consideration should be made for field-trips and other school-related activities. Specifically, some departments, such as physical education, science, art, and technology require specific guidelines for safety purposes. Students are expected to follow teacher directives regarding appropriate clothing/shoe attire for safety. Proper attire is always expected at school-sanctioned events. Remember, students represent the school, their family and the community.

The Uniform top must be worn. Uniform tops may not be altered.

Pants/bottoms need to meet the following parameters:

- No pajama bottoms
- No sweatpants
- No leggings or tights as pants (unless worn under shorts or skirts)
- Jean shorts must be hemmed (length equivalent to arms down in a fist/mid-thigh)

The following types of clothing may not be worn at Sussex County Charter School for Technology:

- Hats, headgear or backpacks inside the building, except for religious head coverings;
- Clothing that displays profanity, violence, discriminatory messages or sexually suggestive phrases or innuendo or clothing that promotes drugs or alcohol use;
- Tight fitting or transparent bottoms;
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Sunglasses unless prescribed by a doctor

- Untied shoe laces;
- Ripped jeans
- Gym shorts
- Low riding pants
- Flip flop shoes (thin rollable sole, rubber thonged, beach shoe, slides);
- Visible undergarments;
- Gym uniform in academic classes;
- Clothing that contains writing on the seat;

The Board of Trustees directs the administration to make judgements on appropriate dress for any clothing not fitting into the above guidelines or in the case of special school wide activities.