

DRESS AND GROOMING STANDARDS

The SAE believes there is a direct correlation between the quality of appearance and a sound and safe educational environment. The SAE has a business and arts theme; students will find that it is to their advantage to cultivate an awareness of appearance and behavior that will allow them to interact harmoniously among people of various demographics in different situations. Because The SAE campuses are located in the Arts Colony, SAE students must also be aware that each is a professional ambassador of the school to the business community.

The dress and grooming guidelines listed below are provided to ensure that each SAE student will receive the maximum benefit from his/her surroundings. Student appearance must be appropriate for the student's daily activities on campus and the learning environment.

Should a student's dress or grooming not meet these guidelines, the student may be asked to change out of the offending garment and into "loaner" clothes for the duration of the day, or parents may be called to bring their child clothes for the day.

- Students are encouraged to dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to an active school day.
- Students should be able to wear clothing without fear of actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- The student dress code should serve to support all students to develop a body-positive self-image.

Items listed in the 'must/may wear' categories must meet the principles outlined below:

Students MUST wear:

- Top (i.e. shirt, sweatshirt, sweater, etc.)
- Bottom (i.e. pants, shorts, skirts, etc.)
- Clothing that covers specific body parts (genitals, buttocks, midriff, mid to lower chest, and areolae/nipples) with non-transparent or non-mesh material.
- For safety reasons, The SAE requires that students wear shoes on campus at all times. Sandals must have a heel strap.

Students CANNOT wear:

- Pajama style "slippers" or "slides" are not allowed
- Displayed undergarments (undergarments must not show through clothing or been worn on top of clothing)
- Clothes with large or extreme holes or rips in clothing
- Sexually explicit, racist, profane, discriminatory, threatening, libelous or obscene/vulgar clothing
- Clothing, jewelry, slogans, or accessories promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons
- No gang-related jewelry, insignia, colors, styles, paraphernalia, materials, apparel, clothing or attire may be worn or carried on campus or at school activities. Also prohibited are notebooks, manner of grooming, or gesture, which by virtue of its color,

arrangement, trademark, vandalism or any other attribute, denotes membership in such a group.

- Articles of clothing including but not limited to spiked jewelry and pocket chains
- Any clothing that presents a hazard to the safety of self or others, i.e. pajamas, blankets, etc.
- Hats, skullies, hoods, bandanas, beanies, durags, and sunglasses MUST NOT be worn in the classroom and inside the school campus buildings. Headcovers for religious or cultural purposes are acceptable on campus.
- Hats (or above-mentioned headwear) may not contain gang insignias.

Grooming Standards

- Hair and makeup should not be so unusual as to be distracting. Hair and makeup should not disguise a student so they cannot be recognized. Students can be asked to modify hair and makeup to be recognized. The SAE shall not discriminate against any student based on hair texture or protective hairstyle including braids, locks and twists.
- Applying makeup, nail polish, hair spray, perfume, etc., in class is prohibited.
- For health and safety reasons, blankets are prohibited on students while on campus.

Dress Code for Performing Arts Classes

The SAE requires that all student artists wear proper attire to ensure focus on work and safety. All student artists should adhere to their specific arts discipline dress code expectations given by the Department. The dress code is required to be followed during all classes, rehearsals and performances. If a student artist needs financial support in fulfilling dress code requirements, the parent/guardian must contact the Department Director for assistance. It is also suggested that parents review the course syllabi for each class to get detailed information regarding performance and rehearsal dress codes.

School Dance Dress Code

Informal dance dress code is the same as the dress code for a regular school day. For formal dances, appropriate clothing is required. Formal attire includes tuxedos, suits, dress pants, collared dress shirt with a tie, dresses or gowns. Clothing must not reveal undergarments. Slits anywhere on the dress cannot be higher than the thumbs when hands are kept at the side. Formal dresses must be mid-thigh or longer. Tuxedos must not be oversized. NO cut-offs, shorts, or sweat suits. **Students not dressed in appropriate formal dance attire will be sent home and no refunds will be given.**