## **DRESS GUIDELINES**

The SMUSD schools are environments for learning. School attire should reflect a professional and respectful attitude towards learning. *Administration has final discretion in determining whether an item of clothing is distracting or inappropriate.* When violation of the dress guidelines occurs, the student will be required to have clothes brought from home to school, or to wear P.E. clothing provided by school. Continued violations of dress guidelines will be considered defiance and will be referred to an Assistant Principal for additional consequences.

- Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
- Footwear must be worn at all times while at school or school sponsored activities. Flip-flops, backless sandals, slippers, and slides are not allowed on campus.
- Pants must stay up without allowing underwear to show. Shorts must completely cover the buttocks and upper leg. Pants and shorts cannot have revealing holes or tears.
- Tops worn by males and females should adequately cover the chest area and not expose excessive chest, cleavage or the midriff area. Examples of inappropriate tops include: strapless tops, halters, swimming attire, backless shirts, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder tops, open arm sports shirts, muscle tank tops, see through shirts. Female tops cannot allow bra straps to be seen.
- Skirts and shorts must be of appropriate length and provide adequate coverage when students are standing, bending or seated.
- Clothing may not depict any of the following: profane, violent, obscene, sexual based language or pictures, sexual based numbers, gang or hate related numbers, ethnic or sexist slurs, alcoholic or tobacco products or message which names or pictures drugs, drug use or drug slang of any type, and weapons of any type.
- No pajamas or sleep wear is allowed to be worn at school with the exception of designated ASB dress up days.
- Jewelry and belt buckles with initials or a marijuana leaf, chains (including wallet chains), and bandanas.
- Professional sports team attire representing Chargers, Dodgers, Lakers, LA, Padres, Raiders, San Diego and SD clothing or symbols are prohibited.
- Gloves of all kinds are not allowed to be worn on campus.
- Caps, hats, hoods, visors, beanies, and other headgear impeding the recognition of students are banned. Scarves, bows, headbands, and other hair covering must be tasteful and non-distracting in the classroom.
- If a hat is required for sun protection, notify the Administration and a school approved cap must be worn. A doctor's note will be required.
- Face paint that covers the entire face is not allowed on campus.

**Gang Related Dress and Actions:** Gang related signs, belts, belt buckles, black gloves, insignia, colors, long socks pulled up to the knee, tattoos or distinctive modes of dress are unacceptable on campus or at school sponsored activities. Pants are to be worn at waist level. Graffiti, tagging, and graffiti instruments are prohibited on campus. Graffiti instruments include, but are not limited to, permanent markers, sharpies, etching devices, and spray paint. Students may be responsible for cleaning and/or reimbursement for damages due to their actions. Law enforcement may be contacted and counseling may occur.