

SAN DIEGUITO H.S. ACADEMY

DRESS CODE 2023-24

San Dieguito H.S. Academy takes pride in the individuality of its students. With that individuality comes a diverse sense of style and fashion. However, all students are expected to exercise good judgment regarding their dress and grooming so as not to disrupt the educational environment for themselves or others. SDA is an environment for learning and business, and student dress and appearance should reflect this image. In an effort to maintain the belief that education is our primary purpose, the SDA dress code is intended to ensure that attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any member of our campus community.

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Attire, accessories, and belongings (hats, jewelry, phones, binders, stickers) **may not:**
 - advertise, promote, or glamorize any of the following: drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, violence, gang affiliation, weapons, inappropriate or sexually suggestive language or symbols.
 - degrade or demean any ethnic background, national origin, religious belief, gender, gender orientation, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Clothing **must** be sufficient to:
 - conceal undergarments at all times, in both seated and standing positions (visible bra straps **are permissible**).
 - Completely conceal buttocks and the majority of the chest and abdomen at all times, in both seated and standing positions. Opaque leggings and sheer garments are permitted, as long as other clothing would still meet dress code criteria if the sheer garment was removed.
- Jewelry, accessories, and other belongings that, in the opinion of the staff, distract from the educational goals of SDA by attracting undue attention or posing a potential threat to the safety of others are **not permitted**.

This dress code policy applies to all school-related functions and events. Administration reserves the right to modify the dress code policy as styles change or new safety issues emerge.

School staff will enforce the dress code policy equitably, with as little disruption to the learning process as possible. Consequences for dress code violations are as follows:

1st offense: Meet with Assistant Principal, change clothing*, document in Aeries

2nd offense: Meet with Assistant Principal, change clothing*, parent contact, detention

3rd offense: Progressive discipline consequences, including but not limited to possible suspension for defiance (CA Ed Code 48900(k))

*Changing clothing requires removal of infracting garment, and options include:

(1) changing into school-provided clothing, and returning the loaned clothing (clean) on the following school day, OR

(2) changing into a student's own clothing, in their possession or provided by parent/guardian (student may not leave campus to retrieve new clothing without off-campus pass, verified by parent/guardian).