

Dress Code

The following expectations are required of all students:

- All clothing must fit and be worn appropriately (no underclothes may show)
- All clothing must be able to stand alone in meeting the dress code requirements.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- Beachwear is not allowed (including board shorts)

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Slits

- “Bag and sag” pants (oversized pockets, oversized crotch, and oversized legs) are not allowed.
- Jeans, slacks, walking shorts, and skirts must be appropriately sized for the individual and may not be oversized or undersized in whole or part. Pants and shorts must be hemmed and fray free (ends of pants cannot be torn/cut). There may be no holes in articles of clothing. Sweat pants and athletic shorts may only be worn during a PE class. Pants must cover the backside even when seated or bending.
- Biker shorts and other skin-tight or tight fitting apparel are not appropriate.
- Clothing must be no shorter than one-dollar bill’s width above the kneecap.
- Students are required to wear long pants for science lab.

Shirts/Tops/Sweaters/Jackets/Coats

- Shirts that are designed to be tucked in shall be tucked in.
- Garments will not show the midriff or underclothes. No low cut fronts showing cleavage.
- If wearing the layered-look, all layers must comply with dress code.
- Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or inflammatory (e.g., alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, etc.) are also prohibited.

The following four items of clothing are not appropriate for school wear:

- Muscle shirts
 - Tank tops
 - See-through, backless, bare-midriff, cut-out tops and/or strapless attire
 - Tops with thin shoulder straps
- No ALL-BLACK clothing or trench coats are permitted.
 - No sweaters or coats will be allowed to cover inappropriate dress.

Hair

- Male students will be clean shaven
- Hair must be neat and clean. It must not cover the eyes.
- No distracting arrangements: Colors, Designs, Styles

Symbols

Any article of clothing that displays alcohol or drug slogans or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including, but not limited to, those that promote (suggest) sex, violence, or anti-social behavior will not be allowed.

Accessories

- Beads, earrings, wristbands, or other items, which symbolize anti-social group membership will not be worn. This includes spiked rings, other spiked jewelry, wallet chains, or other gang related jewelry.
- Head coverings - (for example, hats and caps) will not be worn or displayed at any time on campus during the school day unless the student is participating in a school-sponsored outdoor activity. The only exception is for religious purposes. On the second offense, the head covering will be confiscated until the end of the year.
- Oversized necklaces will not be permitted (i.e., dog chains).
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building unless needed for medical purposes.

Shoes

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- All shoes must fit appropriately
- It is required for the students to wear tennis shoes or sports shoes to activities such as P.E./Athletics or recess. Students are required to wear athletic or closed toe shoes for science lab.
- Platform, high heel or stacked sole shoes more than one inch high are not permitted.
- Steel toe shoes/boots are not allowed.
- Shoes with wheels connected are not permitted.
- Bedroom slippers are not allowed.

Body Markings/Tattoos/Earrings/Piercing

- Students will not be allowed to display tattoos while in school dress.
- Earrings are not allowed to be worn by boys.
- Earrings and studs may be worn only in the earlobes.
- No other body piercing is permitted.

The campus principal/director has the final authority to determine whether a student's dress is within requirements of the Seashore Middle Academy dress code. The director's judgment will determine whether any items of dress, mentioned or not mentioned in the campus dress code, will be considered inappropriate school attire. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to call home for a change of clothes, or they may wear clothes provided by the school (uniform clothing).

If the students have not adhered to the standards, the board will consider returning to uniforms.