

DRESS CODE

The purpose of a dress code is to provide guidance to students and parents as to appropriate attire for school and at any school function. In addition, the dress code is a primary means of helping students learn a skill, which is required for success in getting and keeping employment linked to attire. As adults we know that there is a difference between dressing for our jobs and dressing for recreation, and therefore having students practice this distinction while at Barlow is a way to promote long-term success. Our guiding principles for the dress code are based on clothing that does not distract from the learning environment, disrupt school activities, or create a safety hazard.

Dress Code Details

1. Shirts and shoes must be worn.
2. To ensure coverage of the body the following articles of clothing should not be worn to school:
 - See through garments.
 - No visible backless or strapless dresses or tops or spaghetti straps.
 - Tops that show cleavage or tank tops that show the chest, side, and/or stomach.
 - Bare midriff tops: tops and pants that do not touch when standing straight.
 - Any article of clothing that fails to conceal undergarments when student is standing or sitting (this includes sports and bandeau bras for women and underwear from men).
 - Shorts, skirts, and dresses that do not go to mid-thigh.
3. Clothing displaying profane, obscene or otherwise inappropriate language and/or symbols (i.e., drug or alcohol references, sexual references, etc.) may not be worn.
4. Clothing displaying gang-type symbols, or patently offensive symbols or statements associated with race, religion, clubs, sects or groups, is prohibited.
5. **Hat/Head Covering:** Students and Staff must remove hats and/or other head coverings, including hoods (hooded sweatshirts worn up), handkerchiefs, do-rags, sunglasses, masks, face paint, or other disguises that inhibit the identification of the individual during the school day, detention, or on school grounds. This policy does not apply to after school activities that occur outside the regular school day, such as athletic events, activities, meetings, etc.
Exceptions:
 - Head coverings that have religious significance (must be approved by an administrator).
 - Head coverings worn for medical reasons (must be approved by an administrator).
 - Special events and/or circumstances that receive administrative approval in advance.

Dress Code Violations and Consequences

Students who are violating the dress code at Sam Barlow High School will have two options available to them in order to correct the situation. These options are as follows:

1. The student can change their clothes.
 - a. If they have a different outfit, they can change at that time.
 - b. If they don't have additional clothes they can call home to have a new outfit brought to school.
 - c. If they don't have additional clothes or can't contact a parent or guardian, they can borrow a PE uniform for the day.
2. The student can go home.

Dress Code Safety Concerns

In the event that a staff member prescribes modification in dress or appearance in the interest of health, sanitation, and/or safety practices, the student will not be allowed to attend school until these requirements are met.

1. In classrooms where, because of the nature of the class activity, certain grooming or dress may be hazardous to the student and/or to other students, that student will be required to make modification if he/she wishes to remain in that class.
2. In the school activities program or work experience program in which students represent the school, the advisor may require dress and grooming standards. If the student does not meet the dress or grooming requirements of the activity, he/she may be removed from that program.
3. Spiked jewelry (i.e., rings, bracelets, necklaces) or spiked studs on clothing are prohibited. Students in violation may have items confiscated and may be subject to further disciplinary action.