SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

Dress Code Philosophy

Conducive to a safe, respectful, responsible learning environment, San Pedro High School’s student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall apply it consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

Our student dress code is designed to accomplish several goals:
● All students should be able to dress comfortably for school and engage in the educational environment without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming
● All students and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal “distractions” without regulating individual students’ clothing/self expression
● Student dress code enforcement should not result in unnecessary barriers to school attendance
● Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), dance (bare feet, tights/leotards), or PE (athletic attire/shoes)
● Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size

The following clothing choices reflect proper observance of the Dress Code:

● Shirts (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms). May include tank tops, including spaghetti straps; halter tops; visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing.
● Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts). May include fitted pants, including leggings (not see-through), yoga pants and “skinny jeans”; ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed; visible waistbands on undergarments worn under other clothing.
● Closed-toed, low-heeled and/or activity-specific shoes.
● Hats, hoods and sunglasses may be worn outdoors. Students face, eyes and ears must be visible to school staff.
● Religious headwear

The following clothing elements are in violation of the Dress Code:

● Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity), violence, hate speech, profanity, pornography.
● Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
● Clothing that reveals undergarments beyond waist bands and/or straps.
● Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
● Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
● Items that obscure the face or ears (except as a religious observance)
● Clothing without solid fabric covering genitals, buttocks and breasts.