

Dress Code

All students enrolled in Sequoia Village School are expected to abide by the following code:

Baseball Caps/Hats: No hats will be allowed to be worn inside any building at any time (either by boys or girls) unless a school spirit day has been assigned or as part of a teacher sponsored class activity. Any head covering may be considered a “hat” under this policy and determination of appropriateness (including whether or not a head covering is worn in such a way as to become a gang symbol) will be at the discretion of Sequoia staff and/or administration.

Shirts: Must cover the waistband of pants, or stay tucked into the waistband of pants, *with no midriff or lower back exposed at any time, nor during any activity* (no exceptions). There will be no low necklines or low backs on any shirts or dresses. The entire back must be covered, and **no undergarments may show**. Outer garments must meet the dress code standards.

Sleeveless Shirts: These will be allowed for both boys and girls as long as they cover the area from the base of the neck to the outer point of the shoulder, the entire back area must be covered, and armholes are fitted to the arm with no underclothing showing.

Pants/Shorts/Dresses/Skirts: The length of shorts and skirts/dresses will be no shorter than mid-thigh. Pants must be hemmed and be of appropriate size for the child wearing them with no baggy (which includes over-sized pants and over -sized bell bottom pants) or sagging styles. The waist, crotch and seat of pants or shorts must approximate the waist, crotch, and seat of the student in both size and position. No undergarments may show at any time. Final decision will be left up to the discernment of the administration and faculty. Stretch pants and biker shorts may only be worn if covered by a shirt having a length reaching at least mid-thigh. Pajamas or clothing that looks like pajamas will not be allowed. ***All clothing must be clean, neat and in good repair; factory or pre-shredded clothing are not permitted to be worn, unless leggings are worn underneath.***

Shoes/Sandals: House slippers or flip flops will **not** be allowed. Sandals are allowed but must have sufficient covering to remain on the foot during normal school activity and must include a back strap. Soles and heels of shoes may be no higher than one and a half inches. Tennis shoes must be worn to P.E. Class. Shoes must be worn on campus at all times.

Inappropriate/Obscene Images/Text: Inappropriate or obscene language, advertisements, or images including, but not limited to violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, nudity, occultism, gang signs, gang symbols, and/or suggestive language is not allowed on any article of clothing or another item brought to school, including but not limited to: jewelry, belt buckles, belts, backpacks, folders, hats, books and papers. Interpretation of offensive, occult or gang paraphernalia will be defined by the school.

Jewelry/Body Piercing: Pierced jewelry may be worn in the **ears only**. No other pierced jewelry will be allowed. Earrings must be moderate in both the size and the amount worn so as not to be a distraction or hazardous. **The length of earrings may be no longer than the jaw line. No piercing plugs or gauges may be worn.** Determination of jewelry appropriateness will be at the discretion of the staff and administration.

Hair and Makeup: Hair and makeup may not be distracting. Appropriate grooming and hygiene standards must be met. Hair should be neat, clean and conservative in color, cut and style. Any Mohawks, spikes, or brightly, **unnaturally colored hair** (blues, greens, purples, maroons, and some shades of red, yellow, orange, etc.) will not be allowed. Streaking, tipping, and other hair-coloring treatments and styles may be considered out of dress code if the teachers or administrators deem them distracting to learning. Highlights must be a natural color. Exceptions may be made for plays, spirit days, or parties, with safety and modesty being a priority.

Tattoos: Only staff may wear exposed tattoos, provided they are tasteful and appropriate. This is strictly limited to adult staff, as a tattoo is an adult choice. Students are permitted to wear temporary tattoos if tasteful, appropriate, and not a distraction.

PLEASE NOTE: All on-campus rules apply on buses and at all Sequoia activities.