

# SMS Dress Code FAQ

## 1. Question: Are “skinny pants” permissible?

Answer: The intent of the dress code is for SMS students to wear pants or slacks, not jeans, spandex or other tight legging garments, to school. While it is understood that “skinnier” garments may be appropriate for petite students (due to availability and necessary fit), the skinnier “form-fitting” styles are discouraged.

Tights, or leggings, are permissible under a dress or skirt of appropriate knee length. The color of these garments, as well as the dress or skirt, should be khaki, navy blue or black in color.

*Tights or leggings by themselves are not to be worn.*

## 2. Question: Are students allowed to wear school related sweat pants or shorts?

Answer: No.

For the first two years of the SMS dress code policy, our SMS athletic teams and other school sponsored organizations (e.g. FCA) were given permission to wear their school related sweat pants on game/contest days, only. Unfortunately, this privilege was abused and it became increasingly difficult to “police” when sweat pants were permitted and who was actually associated with the team/club.

It should be understood that for the intent of the dress code, khaki, navy or black pants or shorts are the prescribed and permissible attire.

## 3. Question: Are girls permitted to wear yoga pants to school?

Answer: No.

## 4. Question: Can students wear sweatpants as long as they say “Seymour?”

Answer: No. Refer to question #2.

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**5. Question: Can students wear Seymour football jerseys? And, do they have to wear a polo underneath?**

Answer: 1) The student must be a participating member of a SMS football team. 2) Jerseys may only be worn on game days. 3) Polos are not required to be worn under a football team jersey.

**6. Question: Can students wear solid color polo shirts or tee shirts with “Seymour” embroidered on them?**

Answer: Yes.

*The purchasing of solid color tee shirts or collared polo shirts with the intent of having “Seymour” or “SMS” professionally embroidered or pressed on the garment is permissible for the purposes of the school dress code. Please note that writing or air brushing “Seymour” or “SMS” on a garment is not permissible.*

**7. Question: Are hoodie sweatshirts/zippered sweatshirts permissible?**

Answer: Yes. Hoodie sweatshirts are permitted if they are a plain single solid color.

**8. If the hoodie is a Seymour hoodie showing school or community spirit, can students wear these?**

Answer: Yes. Hoodies promoting school spirit and/or community affiliation are permitted.

**9. Question: Are students permitted to wear the pride wear of other county schools?**

Answer: No.

*For the purpose of the SMS dress code, only Seymour Community School Corporation pride wear, or Seymour community wear that clearly says “Seymour,” is permitted.*

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10. **Question: The picture on the blog says that girls cannot wear ties. May boys?**

Answer: No.

11. **Question: Can students wear academic team shirts from other years?**

Answer: Yes. Tee shirts promoting school pride, whether it is a student's:

- current academic team,
- his/her past academic team (e.g. wearing a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center shirt at SMS 7/8),
- another school in the Seymour Community School Corporation district (e.g. Redding Elementary),
- tee shirts affiliating students with past and/or present school organizations (e.g. band or choir),
- tee shirts affiliating students with past and/or present school groups (e.g. club wear), or
- tee shirts affiliating students with past and/or present school athletic teams (e.g. volleyball), are permitted.

Tee shirts promoting the town/community of Seymour in general are also permitted if the garment clearly says "Seymour." *Note: Community shirts advertising alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco products or that contain suggestive or offensive sayings WOULD NOT qualify as appropriate dress code attire under this provision. All community pride wear will be permitted at the discretion of the administration.*

12. **Question: Do collared polo shirts have to be worn under approved tee shirts?**

Answer: No.

13. **Question: Students are required to wear single solid color socks. Can they still have the toe/heel a different color?**

Answer: Yes, *if* the different color toe/heel is not visible.

14. **Question: Can they wear two different color socks if each sock is one solid color, or do they have to match?**

Answer: Socks need to match.

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**15. Question: Can students wear fuzzy socks?**

Answer: Yes. It should be noted, however, that proper footwear is to be worn over all socks.

**16. Question: Are there any stipulations regarding hair styles or color?**

Answer: No. However, for reasons of student and teacher safety students' eyes must be visible and not obstructed by hair or other materials.