

# **Suncoast Polytechnical High School**

## **Dress Code**

The School Board of Sarasota County has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

### **Students have a RIGHT to:**

- ❖ Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- ❖ Learn without being offended or distracted by the way other students are dressed.

### **Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:**

- ❖ Comply with the school dress code.
- ❖ Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- ❖ Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
  1. No exposed underwear
  2. No saggy/baggy pants
  3. Bottoms (shorts or skirts) must be long enough to fall at least finger tip length
  4. Tops must have a minimum of a 1" shoulder strap (no "spaghetti straps")
  5. Tops must be long enough to fall below the tops of bottoms (pants, shorts or skirts) when sitting or standing
  6. No pajamas or slippers
  7. No clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
- ❖ Not wear items or marking which are offensive, suggestive, and indecent or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
- ❖ Not wear items which encourage use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, or weapons, or support discrimination on the basis of, color, disability, national origin, marital status, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.