

## 2017-2018

### Standard School Attire (SSA) Policy for Oliver Middle School

Oliver Middle School expects students to wear Standard School Attire (SSA) on a daily basis. This is an effective strategy to promote enhanced student appearance and behavior, which are key ingredients of a positive learning environment in which student safety and achievement are the highest priorities. Students will have the opportunities to participate in SSA Opt-Out days throughout the year.

#### Expectations of Standard School Attire for all Oliver Middle Students:

**Tops:** Tops must have a collar, fully cover the shoulders, be of solid color, and be worn adequately buttoned up the front. Any logo on a collared top can be no larger than a business card. Oliver Spirit Wear tops may be worn instead of collared shirts. Students may layer with additional tops including sweatshirts and hoodies (the hood must remain off the head). Large coats should be kept in lockers.

- In addition to Oliver wear, students may wear items from our cluster feeder schools (Granbery, Shayne, and Overton).
- Turtle necks and half collars are considered collared and are, therefore, allowed.

**Bottoms:** Bottoms must be business casual style in the colors of navy, black, gray, or khaki. Blue Jean/Black denim material is prohibited. Bottoms must be worn at the waist, and shorts and skirts must extend to the fingertip when the arm is straight at the side. Tights, leggings, and the like worn as the sole bottom garment are not allowed. Tights and leggings worn under an approved bottom are permissible and can contain patterns and prints.

- Tights or jeggings are distinguished from business casual pants by the presence of a zipper, button, and pockets.
- Cargo pants are permitted as long as they are the proper color.

#### Additional Items and Details:

1. Shoes should be properly laced or fastened at all times.
2. Head coverings are not permitted in the building (except for religious purposes).
3. Garments may not contain holes or tears.
4. Any part of any garment being see-through is not allowed.
5. All clothing should be school appropriate and should not contain inappropriate wording or images (i.e. Alcohol, tobacco, sexually explicit, etc.).
6. Coaches and sponsors of Oliver athletic teams and programs may apply to wear team spirit apparel on pre-approved days.
7. The principal and/or the principal's designee(s) reserve the right to make decisions about the appropriateness of any clothing.

\*\*During SSA opt-out days, the above additional items will still be enforced.

## **SSA Violations:**

1<sup>st</sup> offense—The student will have a chance to correct (either by utilizing the clothes' closet or they can have clothes brought to them).

2<sup>nd</sup> offense—The student will have a chance to correct (either by utilizing the clothes' closet or they can have clothes brought to them). Parents will receive a note home and a phone call from OMS staff or a message from the call-out system.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense—The student will have a chance to correct (either by utilizing the clothes' closet or they can have clothes brought to them). Parents will receive a note home and a phone call from OMS staff or a message from the call-out system.

4<sup>th</sup> offense—The student will have a chance to correct (either by utilizing the clothes' closet or they can have clothes brought to them). Parents will receive a note home and must have a conference with an administrator (either in person or over the phone).

5<sup>th</sup> offense and beyond—The student will receive a formal office referral and subsequent punishments that could include detention, ISS, or OSS.

\* Consequences for non-compliance with the school dress code reset at each semester.

\*\* If a student cannot comply, they may be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day.

\*\*\* Please let us know if you need any assistance in meeting this policy. We do have a clothes closet at the school along with additional resources for those families in need.