

# Seneca Valley High School Dress Code and Electronics Policy

## Dress Code Policy

**At Seneca Valley High School, We Dress for Success!** We are committed to creating an atmosphere focused on academic achievement and personal development. “Dressing for Success” applies not only to the workplace, but also to school. Individuals do have the right to determine their own dress except where such dress interferes with the learning and teaching process. Clothing that may be appropriate for non-school related social activities may not be proper school attire.

### Expectations:

- Clothing which advertises or communicates sexually explicit images, messages related to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other illegal substances; profanity or other inappropriate language are not to be worn on school grounds.
- Clothing which advertises or communicates discriminatory messages related to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical characteristics, or disability are not to be worn on school grounds.
- Clothing that is see through or that reveals an individual’s undergarments or private parts are not to be worn on school grounds.
- Bandanas, sunglasses and hoods are not to be worn on school grounds.
- Hats may be worn on school grounds during the school day, however staff members have the right to require students to remove their hats when they enter a classroom.

**Tuesdays** have been designated as “College Attire” days. Students and staff are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects the college or university of their choice and to discuss their thoughts about and/or experiences with these institutions.

**Fridays** have been designated as “Spirit” days. Staff are encouraged to wear their staff shirts and students are encouraged to either wear a club shirt, team jersey, or to incorporate their assigned class color into their wardrobe. Students will have the opportunity to purchase official class shirts in the fall at a nominal cost.

- Freshmen – GOLD
- Sophomores – WHITE
- Juniors – GREEN
- Seniors – BLACK

## Electronics Policy

The Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education allows high school students to have cell phones in the school building. Any student who needs to phone home in an emergency situation should go to his/her administrator or counselor to seek help rather than use a cell phone during the instructional periods. Failure to abide by this policy may result in confiscation of the device

### Expectations:

- Cell phones may be used before school, between classes, during lunch, and after school.
- Cell phones must be off and put away during instructional periods, unless directed otherwise by the classroom teacher.
- Cell phones are allowed for silent uses only.
- Headphones are required when listening to music or videos.
- For safety reasons, volume must be kept at a level that allows students to hear staff directions, both in class and in the hallways.
- Students found to be photographing or videotaping other students or staff unknowingly will face serious and immediate disciplinary action.