



MINNOWS UNIFORM POLICY 2019-2020

By enrolling your child in SMES, the student and the parent accept the rules and regulations regarding dress code. It is required that all students wear a regulation uniform in order to attend class, as well as participate in school functions such as field trips. Please review the Uniform Policy carefully in order for your child to be in compliance on a daily basis. If a student reports to school dressed improperly, it is understood that it is the responsibility of the parent to bring a proper uniform to school for the student to change. Winter outerwear should be purchased prior to the first cold front, and hair cut appointments should be planned so the student is always in compliance with the school policy. **All uniforms pieces must have the new SMES logo.**

Additionally:

- The official SMES logo must be on all uniform items, including outerwear.
- School Time and Jake's are the school's official uniform suppliers. It is the parents' responsibility to inquire with each vendor regarding their return/refund policy, special order policy, and alteration policy.
- The Parent Association sells used uniforms at \$5.00 per piece. Parents interested in purchasing used uniforms should contact the school receptionist.
- Please label all clothing and outerwear. SMES is not responsible for lost items. All clothing should be clean and neat and should not be too tight or revealing.

The Administration is the official interpreter of the uniform policy. Parents should check with the Administration of the school before purchasing any item which does not conform *exactly* to the Uniform Policy.

FEMALE:

- Light blue Minnows t-shirt
- Navy blue elastic waist shorts, pants, or skorts
- Post earrings may be worn but must be gold, silver, gemstone, or pearl. Hoops or dangling earrings are not allowed, and only one pair of earrings may be worn at a time.

MALE:

- Light blue Minnows t-shirt
- Navy blue elastic waist shorts or pants

SHOES

- Athletic shoes must be worn. No sandals, crocs, boots, or slip-on shoes are allowed.
- It is mandatory for Minnows to wear velcro or buckle style shoes. Lace up shoes are not allowed.

SOCKS

- Socks must be worn at all times.
- Solid white, solid black, or solid navy – no other color is allowed.
- No ankle socks.

HAIR

- Male students' hair must not touch the shirt collar. The ear lobe must be showing and the bangs must not cover the eyebrows.
- Female students' hair must be pulled back and not covering the eyes. Long bangs must be pinned back.
- No drastic or distracting hair styles, hair coloring, highlights, feathers, or beading will be allowed.
- The administration has final determination on allowed hair styles.
- Hair ribbons and head bands must be solid white or solid navy blue. Stripes and polka dots are allowed if the combination is white and navy.

OUTERWEAR

Outerwear is considered part of the school uniform and must have the SMES school logo on it. All students will need at least one item of outerwear (jacket or sweater) to be worn during the fall and winter months. Outerwear without the SMES logo is not allowed.

The following is a list of the approved outerwear for students.

- Solid navy sweatshirt with SMES logo across front.
- Solid hunter green fleece jacket with SMES patch.
- Solid hunter green v-neck cardigan with SMES patch.

WINTER COATS

Heavy winter coats are not part of the school uniform and do not require the SMES patch. However, jackets, cardigans, and sweatshirts are considered part of the school uniform and must have the SMES logo as stated above in the outerwear section. The uniform outerwear is sufficient for most winter days here in South Louisiana.

- Heavy winter coats can be any color.
- Coats are to be worn outside on cold winter days (usually with temperatures in the 40s or below) and are removed when inside the building.

FRIDAY ATTIRE

Students can wear any SMES t-shirt from the **current school year** on Friday. (Examples: Navy SMES Spirit t-shirt, SMES 2019 Fishing Rodeo t-shirt, or the SMES 2020 Art Under the Oaks t-shirt)

- Students may wear these shirts with elastic waist blue jean shorts or pants or a regulation school bottom on Fridays.
- Students are not allowed to wear blue jeans with the light blue Minnow shirt. (This shirt is only allowed with navy bottoms.)
- Shoe guidelines (as stated previously) must be followed on Friday.
- Blue jean guidelines: must be elastic waist, not too tight, not too baggy, no frayed edges, or holes; can be long jeans, jean walking shorts, jean skirts, or jean capri pants

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- No makeup, fake fingernails, or nail polish.
- No body piercing or visible tattoos.
- Students are not to have writings or drawings on any part of their body.
- No bracelets, rings, or necklaces.
- No earrings allowed for male students.
- All uniforms must be clean, neat, and properly mended.
- Torn or ripped clothing is not allowed.
- No graffiti (drawings or writings) on shoes or back packs, lunch boxes, or clothing. If a student draws or writes on these items, the parent will be responsible for replacing it.
- Minnows must use the regulation school tote bag, which can be purchased through the school office.
- An extra uniform must be kept at school for each student in the event the student has an accident.
- All undershirts must have short sleeves and must be solid white.