



# Student Dress Code

Part of the total educational process for students is learning to dress appropriately and behave responsibly in a variety of situations. Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to the school environment which does not cause disruption to the academic process. Research has shown a correlation between appearance and behavior, especially in the school setting.

These regulations will assist parents, students, faculty, and administrators in determining appropriate student standards for dress while at school or school-sponsored activities.

1. Students are responsible for dressing according to the approved dress code.
2. Parents/guardians are also responsible for ensuring students are dressed appropriately for school.
3. Administration and faculty, together, are responsible for the enforcement of the dress code. The dress code is enforced at school and school functions are not open to the public. The decision of the principal is final with regard to dress code violations.
4. When dress or grooming interferes with the cleanliness, health, welfare, or safety of students or when dress or grooming disrupts the educational process by being distracting, indecent or inappropriate, it is prohibited. Clothing must be worn as designed.
5. Sponsors and teachers of elective programs (such as vocational classes) or elective activities (such as sports and music) may require more strict standards regarding dress and appearance for participants in their program or activity.
6. As new trends in fashion or dress emerge or become out of date, the District reviews and revises the dress code to reflect the standards of the community.

Students shall adhere to the following guidelines for dress and appearance:

1. All clothing must conceal undergarments at all times. Shirts that reveal undergarments, cleavage, bare chests, or excessive skin, whether due to the transparency, length, fit, or lack of coverage of the shirt, are not permitted
2. Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be at mid-thigh or below. Garments may not be form-fitting unless covered by an appropriate loose-fitting garment that completely covers both the front and rear private and buttocks areas.
3. Shorts, skirts, and pants must be appropriately sized for the student and worn at the waist. Biking pants or spandex are not allowed. Leggings and other form-fitting bottoms will not be permitted unless worn with a loose-fitting top that completely covers both the front private and rear buttocks area.
4. Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, and any shirt revealing cleavage, midriffs, backs, or chests are not allowed. No transparent or open mesh garments or garments with large open sides may be worn without an underliner. Undergarments must not be exposed.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times and must not present a safety hazard. No flip-flops or slippers. Safety considerations may dictate the type of footwear worn in specific classes or school settings.



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6. Headcoverings, sleepwear, and outerwear including but not limited to hats, hoodies, bandanas, sunglasses, masks, sweatbands including arm and leg bands, and other outdoor or head apparel are not permitted. Exceptions may be made by an administrator for religious, medical, or safety reasons. Headwear of any type that obstructs one's identity or makes it difficult to identify an individual will not be allowed.
7. Hooded articles of clothing may be permitted at the high school only but only if hoods are down and not worn on the head.
8. Clothing or accessories that could be interpreted as promoting hate or communicating negative, profane, or vulgar messages, or which advertise or are in any way related to alcohol, tobacco drugs, or weapon; or have sexual, vulgar, suggestive, or objectionable messages (explicit or implied) are not permitted.
9. Sleepwear including but not limited to pajamas, bonnets, blankets, and slippers is not permitted to be worn in school.
10. Hair must be clean and groomed.
11. Accessories that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property are not allowed.
12. The presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang is not permitted.
13. The length and style of hair (both facial and head) and jewelry shall be limited if it constitutes a health or safety hazard, a distraction, or harmful to the building or equipment. In both cases, the student may be required to wear a protective covering or remove jewelry.
14. Clothing with large or inappropriately placed tears and holes are not allowed.
15. All clothing must be appropriately sized.
  - A. Pants/skirts must be cut to fit and worn at the waist.
  - B. Pants should not drag on the ground.
  - C. Pants worn low are prohibited.
  - D. No skin-tight clothing.
16. Wearing outdoor jackets/coats/hoodies in the building is not permitted in the middle school.

Violation of the dress code can result in exclusion from class until the violation can be resolved and/or disciplinary action is taken. In case of questionable dress (not explicitly covered in these guidelines), the problem will be discussed with the student, and appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action may be taken. When necessary, a home contact seeking parental cooperation and assistance will be made. Repeating infractions will result in appropriate discipline. Exceptions to these guidelines may be made by building principals for activities such as proms, physical education, and other special events.