

## **Student Dress Code**

Students are expected to be clean, neat and appropriately dressed at all times. A student is expected to exercise good judgment in his/her choice of dress, making sure that it is appropriate for school. Clothing, hair styles, make-up, etc. must not be a distraction to the learning of the individual or others, immodest, inflammatory or offensive, or pose a safety hazard. The determination as to the appropriateness of any item will be made by the faculty and administration, but the following guidelines should be followed.

### **Tops**

Shirts that expose cleavage, undergarments, bare midriffs or bare backs, shirts with sides out and strapless shirts are not allowed.

Low-cut, revealing clothing or oversized shirts are not allowed. Tank tops will not be allowed.

Bare midriff should not be exposed, even when arms are raised above the head, and low cut, strapless, or see through shirts, spaghetti straps, or excessively tight clothing are inappropriate. Sleeveless shirts must be at least two inches wide on the shoulders. Any garment that does not cover undergarments or which is immodest or revealing is inappropriate.

### **Bottoms**

All pants must fit neatly at the inseam and at the waistline (Sagging pants are not allowed). Loose fitting pants that tend to sag should be belted and worn at the waistline.

Shorts, skirts, and dresses may not be worn higher than two inches above the kneecap. Any open pleats, vents, slits, or holes must, also, be no more than two inches above the kneecap.

Leggings, yoga pants, jeggings, stretch pants, and tights, can only be worn under shorts, skirts, and dresses

No Sweatpants/Joggers will be allowed.

Running shorts, short shorts, tennis shorts, running tights, spandex shorts are not to be worn at school.

Bare skin shall not be visible through any clothing item.

### **Headgear**

Caps, hats, or other headgear, including hoods, may not be worn in the building. Combs, picks, brushes, goggles, hair picks, rollers, and bandanas may not be worn at school. Sunglasses or visors may not be worn inside the building.

### **Shoes**

Appropriate footwear includes boots, casual or dress shoes, flats, tennis shoes, and sandals. Students must wear tennis shoes to participate in Physical Education (PE). Flip-flops, bedroom slippers and slides will not be allowed.

### **Jewelry/ Accessories**

Suggestive jewelry and clothing with drawings, patches, and/or writing relating to drugs, sex, alcohol, Satanism, tobacco, gangs, illegal activities, weapons, violence, or a violent lifestyle, may not be worn.

Visible body piercing is limited to ears only. Jewelry/accessories that could be deemed a safety hazard, including, but not limited to wallet chains or spiked jewelry, or jewelry which is disruptively excessive in size,

style, or number are not allowed.

Long chains with heavy medallions or pocket chains are not allowed.

### **Hair**

Hair styles, make-up, etc. must not be a distraction to the learning of the individual or others.

### **General Guidelines**

This guideline applies to clothing worn at any school function.

Any other attire deemed to be indecent, inappropriate or disruptive to the school learning environment will be addressed by school administrators on an as-needed basis.

Current school-issued identification badges are required for all students in grades 6 through 12. IDs must be on person. IDs should not be defaced in any manner. Exceptions to this rule may be made for safety reasons when deemed appropriate by a teacher or administrator.

Certain school environments or classes may require more restrictive dress due to safety issues, i.e. Career/ Technical classes, science labs, physical education. Students are expected to comply with safety guidelines. Student dress and appearance are the responsibility of the student and the parent.

Bedroom clothing and bedroom shoes are inappropriate. Blankets are not allowed at school during the normal school day. Any other questionable or distracting attire will be handled on an individual basis at the discretion of the administration. As styles change, the school reserves the right to provide further clarification of inappropriate dress.

School-wide exceptions may be made to this policy for such special events as "hat days" or "spirit days." The school principal and/or designee will make the final determination on whether a student's dress conflicts with these guidelines. Other exceptions to this rule could be made by the administration based on student's medical or documented religious beliefs.

Appropriate action and consequences for failing to comply with the dress code policy will be addressed by school officials.

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