

DRESS CODE

It becomes a concern of the school when grooming and dress patterns create a disruptive influence upon the educational program of the school, endanger the health and safety of the student body, or result in the destruction of school property. Furthermore, good personal appearance is conducive to a positive learning environment and a strong school culture, reflective of adopted school district values.

The school board, therefore, encourages the students/parents to use sound judgement in dress and grooming, and prohibits the wearing of clothing and/or accessories that endanger the health and safety of students and staff, or that result in the destruction of school property.

Although personal grooming and dress are primarily matters of concern between the students and their parents/guardians, however, students **will not be permitted to wear:**

Clothing that is revealing or distracting at school or school activities. Students are to conform to the following guidelines concerning appropriate dress and grooming:

- Pants, skirts, et al. regardless of style or material, need to fit comfortably at your child's waist. This prevents any indecent exposure of skin and or undergarments.
- Students may be outside during cold weather. Parents and students are encouraged to keep informed about the weather and forecasted weather and dress students appropriately. Boots, gloves, hats, and coats help your student to be more comfortable. Appropriate footwear should be worn in wet or snowy weather.
- Shorts may not be worn until the weather is 70*.
- All clothing is to be worn according to the way it is designed.
 - Students may not wear, as outer dress, the following:
 - Midriffs – any shirt that allows the exposure of the midsection during normal school activities.
 - Sleeveless undershirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, etc.
 - See-through clothing.
 - Shirts showing bare shoulders and/or backs.
- Visible undergarments are not permitted (this includes bras and boxers).
- Muscle shirts may be worn as long as cut off is hemmed and no inappropriate amount of skin is shown (ribcage/stomach area)
- Tank tops are permitted as long as the strap is at least 1 inch in width.
- Leggings are allowed if accompanied with a shirt that covers the student's bottom and rest on the upper thigh or longer (ex. Tunic). Leggings will not be permitted if skin is visible through fabric. Tights may not be worn as an outer layer of clothing.
- Clothing with obscene or violent statements, designs, double messages, and advertisements for drugs/alcohol or tobacco will not be permitted.

- Short shorts and mini-skirts will not be permitted. Skirts must extend to within three inches of the top of the kneecap as a guide. Shorts must extend to within four inches of the top of the kneecap as a guide.
- Hats and caps are not to be worn in the building during normal school hours.
- Shoes, boots, and other appropriate footwear are to be worn at all times. Flip-flops are prohibited on the playground, for the child's safety.
- Cleanliness of the body and clothing is required.
- Clothing must be in good repair – free from holes, cut-outs, or torn seams.

These regulations apply to students at all school-sponsored activities unless the principal approves a change. Schools may adjust these guidelines to be age appropriate at the school level. Students will only be allowed to wear clothing outside of the student appearance regulations during 'Incentive Days' as designated by the school principal as a reward and motivation for the students. Incentive Days will be available as a school reward for various reasons and celebrations. The principal has the discretion to modify the student appearance regulations on Incentive Days.

If a student is in violation of these provisions, the principal or designee shall request the student to make the appropriate correction. If the student refuses, the parent/guardian may be notified and asked to make the necessary correction. The principal shall take appropriate corrective and disciplinary action.

Students whose dress is not appropriate may be sent home to change or required to make other adjustments until appropriate clothing can be obtained.

Coaches and/or other staff supervising extra-curricular activities may make other dress requirements applicable to students participating in athletic and/or other extra-curricular activity events.

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