

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Specific appropriate dress standards are designed to promote the health and safety of all students. Dress codes ensure that all students will have the right to learn without being offended or distracted in the learning process by the clothing or appearance of others. Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. Presenting a bodily appearance or wearing clothing which is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive, or endangers the health or safety of the student or other students is prohibited. The dress code will be followed at all school functions, unless otherwise specified for special events.

Students have the responsibility to learn and observe the basic standards of appropriate school dress, personal cleanliness, modesty and good grooming.

Expectations for appropriate school attire may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- No undergarments may be visible at any time
- Shirts and blouses must completely, and at all times, cover the abdomen, back, chest, and sides of the body. Tops with low neckline and/or expose the midriff above the waistband are not acceptable. Sleeveless tops must be at least 1.5 inches wide and not expose the back.
- No clothing advertising or related to drugs, alcohol or tobacco products or that display other inappropriate messages may be worn.
- No clothing or accessories, which are obscene, profane, threatening, or dangerous (including chains, heavy necklaces, spiked jewelry, etc.), may be worn.
- Clothing may not be excessively tight (such as spandex), see-through, or revealing.
- Except in cases where permission has been granted, hats and jackets may not be worn in school.
- Excessively short skirts or shorts are unacceptable. As a general guide, shorts and skirts should reach mid-thigh or fingertip length.
- Head coverings (including hats, head stockings, bandanas, or sweatbands) are not permitted, except in special circumstances approved by school administration.
- All clothing must be neat in appearance (no excessive holes, rips, or tears).
- Pants must be worn at the waist and stay there on their own or with the aid of a belt. Pants that are excessively saggy or baggy will not be permitted.
- No attire should intentionally attract undue attention to the wearer.

Students who violate the dress code for the first time will be given a warning, unless the attire is such an egregious infraction that it cannot be allowed. Second violations will require that the student must change his/her clothes, which may involve parents bringing in clothing from home. Future violations will result in more significant consequences. Ultimate arbitrator on any dress code violation is the school principal.

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