

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a productive and safe school environment. Those standards generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a formal setting will be the determining criteria governing student dress.

A student's appearance, mode of dress, or condition of personal hygiene will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to the health or safety of others.

Therefore, the following is included:

- The shoulder width of shirts or blouses must completely cover undergarments. No spaghetti strap tops, tube tops, or tank tops are allowed.
- Net shirts, bare midriffs, or other revealing attire are not acceptable.
- Short dresses, short skirts, or short shorts will not be allowed.
- Pants or shorts must be worn at the waistline. No underwear shall be revealed.
- Headgear, hats, or sunglasses are not to be worn in the building except for medical and/or safety reasons.
- No clothing, jewelry or buttons with letters, initials, symbols, or wording that is obscene, offensive, inflammatory, or detrimental to the instructional process are allowed.
- No gang-related clothing, accessories or symbols as identified by local law enforcement agencies will be allowed.
- All students grades 9-12 will be required to display identification cards with their picture and their name while on the school grounds.

When, in the judgement of the principal, a student's appearance violates the intent of this policy, the student will be required to make necessary modifications. Continued violations of the dress code policy will result in an out-of-school suspension.

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