

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

The professional staff recognizes that students must be aware of high standards of personal appearance in order to move smoothly from childhood into the expectations of the real world, adolescence, and adulthood. We also recognize that students are more productive when their appearance is "neat and conservative," as opposed to "sloppy and extreme." It is with these concepts in mind that we set forth these regulations pertaining to personal appearance and grooming. The principal must make judgments as to whether a student is properly groomed and dressed if there is any doubt left by the written regulations. It is virtually impossible to write a regulation which will cover every detail on this subject. Our intent is to eliminate as much confusion as possible about this subject, so that all of our attention can be turned to other educational pursuits.

Remember, if you have to wonder if your choice of clothing/accessories is in compliance with the dress code, then you probably need to make another selection and save that outfit to wear away from school. Please see below for a listing of dress code that may not be all inclusive; the principal reserves the right to make a determination on any item that may not be listed:

1. Clothing worn is not to be suggestive or indecent.
2. Clothing and general appearance are not to be of the type that would cause a disturbance and interfere with the instructional program.
3. Clothing and general appearances should not constitute a health or safety hazard.
4. Hair must be neat and well groomed. No headbands or bandanas are to be worn. Hair can neither obstruct vision, nor can it be groomed in class. Hats, baseball caps, sports headbands, or similar headgear may not be worn in the building during school hours. Hoods or hoodies on shirts and sweatshirts must not be worn on the head on school property (including busses) and must be worn with the hood resting on the back in the standard position on the school campus at all times.
5. Picks and combs with metal prongs and other sharp hair objects are prohibited and shall not be worn in hair.
6. Dark sunglasses may be worn in the classroom if an authorization by a doctor is on file in the office of the principal. **DO NOT BRING SUNGLASSES TO SCHOOL WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION.**
7. Cleanliness of the body and clothing is expected at all times.
8. Blouses and shirts that do not extend over the top of the shorts, jeans, skirts, or culottes must not be worn at any times. Midriffs should NOT be exposed.
9. No sagging, oversized, or extremely tight fitting clothing. No leggings.
10. Underclothing shall be worn.
11. Shorts will be permitted. Gym shorts (i.e. Nike/Soffe type shorts), however, are NOT ALLOWED. All students' shorts and skirt length must extend to three inches above the knee when in a relaxed or standing position.
12. Sandals are permissible.
13. Excessive make-up will not be permitted.
14. See through blouses, spaghetti strap tops, tank tops, halter tops, strapless tops, or low cut sun dresses, blouses, or shirts are not permitted.
15. Underclothing shall be worn and, with the exception of the neck/collar of a t-shirt, should not be seen. T-shirts of the underwear type are not to be worn as an outside garment, even with another undershirt beneath.
16. Tap shoes, house shoes, or hobnailed boots are not to be worn.
17. Bicycle shorts are not permitted.
18. Clothing with advertising, slogans or pictures that are determined by the principal to be inappropriate, vulgar, or obscene will not be permitted.
19. Gang or gang related items or clothing may not be worn or brought to school.
20. Pants must be worn at the waistline.
21. Pants/Jeans with holes, rips, or tears between the waist and knee are not allowed at school. Current styles that reflect a variety of designs cannot show skin or sewn in patches between the waist and knee. Any style of jeans/pants that exposes anything (skin, undergarments, patches, etc.) above the knee is prohibited.