

## **Dress Code and Disciplinary Procedures**

Dress Code: The Board Policy states: Dress and grooming are rightfully the responsibility of the individual student and his/her parents. To be proper for school, dress and grooming should be clean, neat, and appropriate and should not constitute a safety or health hazard or be such that it might hamper the educational process. If the student and/or parents fail in their responsibilities, dress and grooming thus become a part of the school's responsibilities. In such cases, the principal and/or those designated by him/her shall be required to assist in solving the problem as it concerns the school. These rules are stated to improve the learning environment, bridge socio-economic disparities among families and provide other positive benefits.

### Specifically:

1. Students are to wear clothes that fit (not too loose, tight, short, long, etc.). Both upper body and lower body garments are to be worn in a manner to provide for safety and modesty. Pajama or sleepwear attire is not permitted.
2. Short shorts and mini-skirts are not permitted. The appropriate length for skirts, skorts, and shorts is no shorter than the width of your fist when placed at the top of the knee-cap when seated. Elementary students may wear shorts before November 1 and after April 1 each school year.
3. Shirts and blouses that are "see-through", cut low, show cleavage, or expose one's midriff or undergarments when the student sits, stands, raises his/her hand or bends over are not permitted. Open mesh garments or garments that expose skin are not permitted.
4. Tank tops, muscle shirts and halter-tops are not permitted. All shirts must extend from the base of the neck to the top of the arm, fit closely under the arms and may not have open sides.
5. Hats, hoods, coats, bandanas, "do-rags", stocking caps, sunglasses, hairnets, gloves and sweatbands are not to be carried or worn inside the building.
6. No clothing, jewelry, tattoos or other personal items may be worn bearing a picture or lettering which is sexually explicit, obscene, vulgar, offensive or libelous; suggests violence, death, suicide, or hate; shows disrespect to any person or group of people; bears advertising related to alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs; or that is otherwise contrary to the school's educational mission. Tattoos that do not conform to the requirements of this paragraph must be covered.

7. Writing on clothing, hands and other body parts, as well as face painting, is not permitted.
8. Footwear must be worn that is appropriate for the school environment, which includes stairs and emergency drills, provide for safe and sanitary conditions and not present a safety hazard. Examples of unacceptable footwear include but are not limited to house slippers, skate shoes, and spiked heels. It is recommended that shoes with a back strap or closed back be worn by children at school. Athletic shoes are the best choice for the K-6 environment.
9. Biking pants/shorts are not permitted. Gym shorts are not to be worn other than for physical education courses.
10. Unnaturally colored hair, extreme/distracting makeup, haircuts and hairstyles, including but not limited to mohawks are not permitted. Examples of unnatural hair colors could include but are not limited to blue, green, red, purple, orange, etc.
11. Body piercing adornments are to be worn in the ears only and are not to be extreme or distracting. Band-aids and spacers are not permitted.
12. Lower garments are to be worn at waist level and must be properly fastened. Students shall not wear pants that sag, fit below the waist or drag the floor – the “droop” look is not acceptable. Belts must be of proper length. Undergarments are not to be exposed when the student sits, stands, raises his/her hand, or bends over.
13. Extreme or distracting jewelry, including but not limited to “dog collars”, spiked bracelets and chains, including wallet chains, as well as other articles judged to be potentially hazardous, extreme or distracting are not permitted. No jewelry that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property is permitted.
14. Gang or cult-related items of any kind are not permitted. Principals may prohibit the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in such a group.
15. Torn or tattered clothing and clothing with holes, including cut-offs, are not permitted.

16. Winter coats, including but not limited to Trench coats, bubble jackets, parkas, or any other heavy coat/jacket may not be worn or carried in the building. Students must place these jackets and/or coats in their lockers, or specified area, prior to the beginning of the school day.
- ❖ **These guidelines are not to be considered all-inclusive. The Administration reserves the right to deal with any apparel deemed inappropriate for school.**