

## DRESS CODE

Student dress has an effect on the learning environment. Recent changes in fashion trends have had a detrimental effect on the school atmosphere. The dress code has been modified to address these concerns. Students who wear clothing deemed inappropriate by school policy will be asked to change into appropriate clothes for the day. Non-compliance with the dress code will result in a disciplinary consequence.

It is recommended that students use good taste in presenting a neat and clean appearance. Parents are encouraged to see that their child is properly dressed before he or she leaves for school. Dress and grooming must meet standards that do not present health or safety hazards, interfere with maintenance of a positive teacher/learning climate, or substantially disrupt the educational process.

\* All clothing must meet dress code guidelines and be worn as designed - example: straps on overalls should be fastened appropriately, shoes should be tied, and undergarments must be covered.

\* Skirts and dresses must hang below the length of the student's longest fingertip when standing and mid-thigh while sitting.

\*\*Shorts must have a 4 inch inseam and the outside of the shorts must be as long as inside seam

\* Pants must fit and are to be worn at the waistline. Any holes must be below 4" inseam.

\* See through clothing is not permitted without proper layers below.

\* Coats, gloves, bare midriff outfits, tank tops (no sleeves, scoop neck), halter-tops cannot be worn in school. All sleeveless shirts must have a hemmed shoulder. Hole in the shoulder shirts must have material above and below the shoulder, spaghetti straps are not acceptable.

\*T-shirts, patches, or buttons that are considered obscene, suggestive, or have double meanings will not be allowed.

\* Clothing styles or make-up that appears so extreme as to cause disruption in the classroom are not acceptable.

\* Hats, bandanas (any other head coverings) and sunglasses that are worn to school must be kept in the student's locker during the school day and may not be carried to class.

\* Chains greater than one foot and handcuffs are not to be brought to school.

\* Student attire that advertises or portrays any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage product, or other controlled substance is prohibited along with any attire that is considered sexual or inappropriate for school.

\* Appropriate footwear is to be worn at all times.

\* Student backpacks, purses, duffel bags, satchels, and similar items must remain in locker. Backpacks are **NOT ALLOWED** to be brought into athletic contests or assemblies.

The above restrictions apply to both male and female students. Anything not covered above will be an administrative decision based on the circumstance(s).