

## **DRESS CODE**

### **For All Middle School Students**

It is not the desire of the school system to exclude students from the educational setting because of dress code violations. However, the school board and administration believe that a reasonable expectation for student dress should be established and followed by all. As a result, students who are not in compliance with the dress code policy will be given an opportunity to change their clothing or may be assigned to ISS until they are able to comply with the policy. Each teacher will be responsible for checking students with this code and initiating the disciplinary action for violations, following school disciplinary procedures.

### **Requirements**

- All students shall be neat, clean, groomed, and dressed in a manner conducive to academic achievement and disciplinary expectations, according to school personnel.
- All clothing must be appropriately sized, including waist and length. Belt loops must have a belt. Belts must be worn correctly with the entire belt in loops on pants. Pants with built-in belts are acceptable. No underpants may be exposed.
- Logos are permitted within regulations.
- Dress code applies in P. E. Class. (i.e., length of shorts)

### **Not Permitted**

- Clothing and/or accessories (belts, purses, jewelry, scarves, etc.) with beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drug advertisements, vulgar writing, gang-related symbols, suggestive scenes.
- Heavy chains on clothing and heavy jewelry are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to wear the following items in the building: sunglasses, scarves, do-rags, bandannas, bonnets, or hats. Administration will allow hats for fundraisers only.
- Blankets and pillows are not allowed at school.
- Pajamas/Onesies and bedroom shoes are not permitted unless it is for a fundraiser.
- Pants worn below the natural waist
- Sleeveless tops, dresses, tank tops, etc. (the ball of the shoulder should not be exposed)
- Anything the administration determines to be disruptive to the instructional process.

### **Pants/Slacks/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses**

- All pants are to be worn at the waist and should not drag the ground.
- Spandex, leggings, biker's pants, excessively tight, or form-fitting clothing may be worn with a top that is long enough to cover your bottom and front.
- Shorts shall be worn at the waist, and shorts, skirts, and dresses must be long enough to come below the fingertips or longer.

- No holes in jeans above the fingertips. If there is a hole about the fingertip, you must wear tights or leggings under your jeans to prevent skin from showing above the fingertips.

### **Shirts/Blouse/Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Tops**

- No tank tops, halter tops, crop tops, capped sleeves, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder shirts, see-through mesh, fishnet tops, sleeveless shirts/ jerseys nor clothes with cuts, slits, or holes are allowed.
- Vests, blazers, sweaters, parkas, windbreakers, or sweatshirts, which meet the requirements of this dress code, may be worn over shirts.

### **Shoes**

- Shoes shall be properly fitted or strapped.
- Flip-flops, bedroom shoes, or slides are not permitted.
- Crocs and sandals are permitted.
- Tennis shoes must be worn for outdoor activities, weight training, and PE.

### **Dress Code Accommodations**

Students with injuries may need accommodations to the dress code. These accommodations shall be considered for approval upon receipt of a doctor's note.

### **Dress Code Violation Disciplinary Action**

Dress Code Violations will result in the following consequences (With each offense, student will be required to change clothing):

1. 1st offense: Warning, phone call home for clothes (Tate)
2. 2nd offense and beyond: Follow the 4 Step process

**Final decisions about Dress Code will be at the discretion of the Principal. Building level principals have the responsibility and authority to interpret and enforce the student dress code.**

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