

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress in a manner that does not interfere with the educational objectives of the school. No form of clothing that creates distraction or is considered hazardous to student safety or health will be permitted. Good judgment and common sense should be used in selecting clothing that is neat, comfortable and appropriate for a middle school environment. Students will not be allowed to attend classes if inappropriate clothing is worn to school. Students will be asked to change into appropriate clothing if a violation occurs. If the student has no appropriate clothing at school, the parent will be notified to bring clothing to be worn at school that meets the dress code. Chronic and pervasive disregard for the dress code will result in disciplinary action. The school administration reserves the right to make judgments concerning the appropriateness of items of clothing not addressed in this policy. The dress code is not designed to inhibit students' self-expression in any way, but is designed to ensure a safe, considerate, and non-distracting academic environment. "Dress for success."

The following types of clothing are **ACCEPTABLE**:

- pants worn at the waist;
- belts hooked at the waist without the extended length hanging;
- shirts or blouses which do not expose the waist;
- tank tops that do not expose undergarments (1" of material at shoulder) and sleeveless shirts;
- shorts or skirts which are appropriate for an education setting. Any item more than six (6) inches above the knee while standing is considered inappropriate.
- clothing that is worn in a normal, conventional fashion at all times. Shirts must be buttoned or zipped. The straps on bib overalls will be connected.

The following manners of dress are **UNACCEPTABLE**:

- extreme or provocative style of dress, including clothing that reveals bare midriffs or is skin tight or revealing;
- mesh shirts or any clothing made of see-through material;
- any clothing that exposes the armpits, navel, and/or backside;
- sport tank tops that drop below the armpit and expose the chest or undergarments or muscle shirts;
- backless, strapless, spaghetti straps or tube tops (even if worn under another shirt);
- hats, caps, head scarves, sport headbands, nylons, and all other head coverings;
- bandanas may not be in the school building;
- glasses with a tint may not be worn inside the building (nor can they rest on the head);
- exposed undergarments;
- shorts, skirts, dresses and apparel with slits that are more than 6 inches above the top of the knee while standing (place a dollar bill just above the knee and the clothing should touch the dollar bill);
- wallet chains or any other chains or apparel;
- footwear that would be considered unsafe or unsanitary: flip flops, shower shoes, bedroom slippers, thongs, or footwear deemed unsafe by the principal. ;
- any item that signifies gang affiliation: a right or left shoe untied with laces hanging loose, a right or left pant leg rolled up, a glove worn on a right or left hand, a right or left sock pushed down into the shoe/boot, all handkerchiefs/bandanas displayed, and any other display identified by school personnel as possibly gang affiliated;
- accessories that create a distraction;
- clothing that encourages or promotes cigarettes and other tobacco products, beer/alcohol, or drug use,
- clothing or accessories that (1) depict or promote violence, (2) suggests racial prejudice, (3) have printed obscenities in graphics or works, or (4) depict sexual connotations. This also includes spiked clothing and collars, and
- shorts, pants, sweats or skirts will not be pulled down below the waistline or sag regardless of what the student is wearing under or over them.

Physical Education Dress

All students will take physical education during the year. Students will be required to wear appropriate clothing such as:

- warm-ups (as appropriate for weather);
- shorts (without zippers or buttons whenever possible);
- T-shirt or sweatshirt;
- tennis shoes. Basically, wear clothing other than what is worn to school on that day.

Students who participate in physical education are allowed to take a shower. Students will need soap and a towel. A lock will be issued to students by the physical education department to secure their belongings in the locker room facility. If a student is not able to participate in physical education, he/she must bring a note from a parent or sponsor. A doctor's excuse will be necessary when a student will not be able to participate in physical education for an extended period of time. Students that have difficulty with their behavior in the locker room will not be allowed to return to the locker room. They will instead be issued a locker and lock in the hall and be required to dress out for PE in the restroom. Please advise your student to use good judgement and appropriate behavior in the locker room.