

## Dress Code Policy 2015-16

Dress code regulations are adopted to enhance student safety and promote an educational setting conducive to a positive learning environment. Pupils shall dress safely and appropriately for educational activities in which they will participate so as not to endanger their health, safety, or welfare.

The District updates the dress code at least annually, taking into consideration parent and staff concerns and requests for clarity. Though the information in the dress code intends to be as defined as possible, there is no way to anticipate every contingency. Knowing the creative nature leading to circumventing the intent of this policy, each site principal is responsible to supersede these guidelines when, in his/her judgment, the safety or learning environment for students is disrupted. Please note that any apparel, hairstyle, cosmetics, or jewelry, even if not specifically mentioned below, can be prohibited by school officials if it is determined that such items create a safety or health concern, draw undue attention to the wearer, or tend to detract from the education process.

1. Clothes shall be clean so as not to promote unhealthy or unsanitary conditions.
2. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. If wearing layered clothing, the bottom layer must conform to dress code.
3. Shorts must be 6 inches from the top of the knee cap when the student is standing.
4. Dresses, skirts, etc., must be 4 inches from the top of the knee cap when the student is standing.
5. Individual tank tops and racer back tank tops must have a 2" strap. No tank tops should reveal any part of the torso (i.e. nothing below the armpits). Prohibited are underwear-type sleeveless shirts, see-through or fishnet fabrics which expose the body, as are tube tops and/or bandeaux tops and halter tops. Clothing which does not cover the student's midriff (male or female) is not acceptable.
6. Wearing clothing with large or excessive holes is prohibited. No skin shall be revealed above mid-thigh, Pants must be worn around the waist. Oversized pants and/or shirts are not allowed. Pajama-type clothing is unacceptable.
7. All pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, etc. shall be hemmed.
8. Footwear must protect feet. No backless footwear is allowed at any grade level, including flip flops. Shoes will be worn at all times at school or during school activities.
9. Clothing bearing the college/university logos is acceptable provided the name of the college/university is also displayed prominently on the garment.
10. Apparel and hats with professional team logos may not be worn.
11. No garments or clothing with offensive cartoon-like characters may be worn. Clothing will be deemed unacceptable if a double meaning can be demonstrated as symbolic of destructive/violent, illegal, immoral, discriminating, anti-education, or gang-related messages.
12. Clothing or jewelry that advocates racial, ethnic, gender, or religious prejudice, unlawful acts, or the use of controlled substances is prohibited. Earrings may only be worn on ears. Other facial piercings are not allowed. Any jewelry that that would create a safety hazard, including spikes and plugs, is not allowed.
13. Any clothing worn by students to identify themselves as a group, clique, social identity, or for any other purpose, is prohibited. Exceptions will be made for any school-authorized activity.
14. Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (such as backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, purses, water bottles, etc.) shall be free from writing (including graffiti); shall not display pictures or other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, violent, or sexually suggestive; shall not bear drug, alcohol, or tobacco company advertising, promotion, or likeness; shall not promote violence, illegal activity, or relate to gang affiliation or activity; and shall not advocate racial, gender, religious or sexual orientation prejudice; shall not contain pictures or images of weapons of

any kind. Writing of a student's proper name on items should be for identification purposes only and shall only be written once.

15. Attire which may be used as a weapon shall not be worn (e.g., steel-toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, etc.).
16. Pupils shall not display any material which so incites pupils as to create a disruption of the school process, commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of district or school site policies or rules.
17. Hats, caps, and other head coverings may never be worn inside building. Bandanas are prohibited at all times. Hats must be worn with the bill forward.
18. Dark glasses shall not be worn in classrooms or offices unless a documented health problem exists.
19. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed, including facial hair. Haircuts or hairstyles that draw undue attention to the wearer or detract from the educational process are not acceptable (i.e. no unusual designs, no colors, no symbols, no razor cuts/lines, no Mohawks. Mohawk Fades, or faux-hawks are not to be more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Writing in the hair is not permitted.

Parents will be called and the student will be sent home and cannot return until the student's hair is in compliance with dress code.

20. No tattoos, permanent or otherwise, shall be displayed at school.
21. Coaches and/or teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.
22. No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected due to the fact that the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel where the failure to wear such apparel arises from circumstances beyond the student's control.
23. Tights, yoga pants, and leggings may only be worn under shorts, skirts, or dresses that fall within the dress code guidelines. Dresses may not be shorter than 4 inches from the knee, this includes long shirts. Shorts must not be shorter than 6 inches from the knee. This includes any tight fitting pants that look like tights or leggings.

**Dress Policy: Non-school Youth Organizations**

*The following policy regards only those local Youth Organizations which desire to have their participants occasionally wear their respective apparel to school during normal hours of operation.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_