

DRESS CODE, STUDENT (Effective SY 2001-2002)

The student dress code is based upon the premise of recognizing fashion without sacrificing decency, safety, and appropriateness. It is the intent to restrict extremes and indecency which will detract from the main purpose of the educational program. Dress and grooming which causes or is likely to cause disruption of the instructional program of the school is prohibited.

The following are general guidelines regarding proper dress. Inappropriate attire includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Headgear (examples: hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, stocking caps) is not to be worn in the building. Any headgear brought to school should be kept in the student's locker or cubby during regular school hours. Exceptions may be made by the principal for spirit days or special activities.
2. Halter tops, off-the shoulder tops, bare midriffs, tube tops, spaghetti straps, [muscle shirts, mesh shirts or fishnet (unless a t-shirt is underneath)], backless or partial backless garments, or outer garments with the appearance of underwear are not permitted to be worn by students.
3. Frayed, shredded, ripped or torn garments are not to be worn by students. Normal wear and tear is accepted unless it is to the extent that causes or is likely to cause disruption of the instructional program.
4. Apparel that is too tight or too loose is not to be worn by students. Clothing which is too revealing or does not completely cover undergarments may not be worn, (examples: mini skirts, short shorts, low cut clothes or exposed cleavage.)
5. Apparel that reveals offensive writing, suggestive slogans or logos which pertain to beer, liquor, drugs, or tobacco is not to be worn. Items which carry connotations of immorality, vulgarity, obscenity, nudity or promotion of violence and/or gang/cult activity (examples: article of clothing, belts, jewelry, or school materials) are not allowed.
6. Apparel identifying a student as "security" or "police" is not to be worn.
7. Bike or animal chains/collars/spikes are not to be worn.

Additional guidelines include the following:

1. Shoes must be worn. Houseshoes are not permitted.
2. Clothing normally worn when participating in a school sponsored extra-curricular or sports activity may be worn to school when approved by the Administration.
3. Exceptions to these guidelines may be made by the principal for spirit days or special activities.
4. Additional modifications or exceptions to the dress code may be enacted as deemed necessary by the administration. Such modifications will be based upon safety or related factors.
5. Administrative guidelines are to be developed for enforcement of the dress code.