## Syracuse Dress Code Standards

The Board recognizes that dress and grooming affect the behavior of students, that there are sanitation and safety factors directly related to proper dress and grooming, and that school administrators, teachers, and parents need clear dress and grooming guidelines so that rules of dress and discipline can be enforced consistently. Therefore, each school shall establish expectations for student dress and appearance at the school level.

The dress code at Syracuse Elementary is to prepare students for Career and College Readiness. It is important that they learn and practice standards at a young age.

At Syracuse Elementary, our focus is the education of our students. We have a minimal dress standard so that the appearance of our students adds to and does not detract from the learning process. Please help students:

- Come to school fully clothed, including appropriate footwear.
- Wear clothing that covers the entire torso, midriffs, buttocks, shoulder straps, and under garments.
- Wear shorts/skirts/dresses that have a length that is closer to the knee than to the top of the leg while sitting down. Leggings should be covered to mid-thigh all the way around.
- Wear proper footwear for activities (e.g. tennis shoes for PE).
- Wear proper clothing for outdoor play (e.g. coat, hat, gloves, and boots for winter weather or sunglasses and hat for summer weather).
- Wear clothing that is free from offensive language.
- Wear hair styles/colors that do not bring undue attention to the student or that may interfere or cause disruption to the educational process.
- Be respectful about head wear. Hats, bandanas, etc. are not allowed to be worn inside the building.

Please contact the administration if you have any questions about the above dress standards. We also ask that parents/visitors adhere to these same standards when coming to the school so as not to disrupt the education of our students.

Should a child/student arrive to school in clothing not in line with the standards, assuming good intent- considering the child's age and circumstances- and ensuring privacy, the child shall call home and ask parent/guardian for another item of clothing that is appropriate and in compliance with the school standards. If a parent is unable to bring alternate clothing for their child that day, the school will provide alternate clothing for that day.

