



## 2020-21 Student Dress Expectations

*In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the administration and staff of Dakota Hills believe it is important to enforce standards for proper student dress.*

*Our hope is that parents/guardians and students will keep this and the other provisions in these dress expectations in mind when completing their shopping for the coming school year. Our goal is to provide students (and teachers) an atmosphere that is both conducive to learning and comfortable. The entire student dress policy for Dakota Hills Middle School is copied below for your convenience. We thank you, in advance, for your support.*

### **DHMS Student Dress Code:**

It is necessary that appropriate clothing be worn by students. Good taste and discretion should be used to keep the school environment conducive to learning. In the interest of maintaining a proper learning environment at Dakota Hills Middle School, ***the following articles of clothing are prohibited:***

- Hats, hoods, scarves, athletic headbands, do-rags, and bandannas
- Jackets and coats
- **Sleeveless shirts**, including tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, etc.
- Shirts cut off at the midriff
- Shirts which have an extremely low-cut neckline
- Any clothing that reveals undergarments, this includes “see-through” clothing that reveals undergarments
- Clothing, especially t-shirts and sweatshirts, advertising drug, alcohol or tobacco products or garments which convey inappropriate, demeaning, obscene, abusive or discriminating messages.
- **Shorts or skirts which do not extend to the mid-thigh. Shorts and skirts should not be shorter than the fingertips of the student when the arms are down and fully extended.**
- **Pants and shorts worn below the natural waistline**

Clothing which is worn for religious or medical purposes will be considered on an individual basis.

### Other student dress/appearance requirements:

- Students are required to wear shoes at all times. Bare or stocking-feet are not permitted.

Please be aware that because middle school students come in all shapes and sizes, what might be appropriate attire for one child may leave another child over-exposed.

When a student's dress is found to be inappropriate, the student will be offered an opportunity to change or call a parent or guardian to attain different clothes.

### **Student Backpack/Bookbag/Tote Practice**

To avoid overcrowding in classrooms, students must leave their backpacks/totes in their lockers during the school day.

### **Student Attendance:**

The DHMS staff wish to reiterate the importance of having students attend school consistently and to arrive on time for the start of 8:00 AM classes. Students who arrive late due to oversleeping, getting a late ride, or missing the bus are unexcused absences, even if a parent writes a note. Thank you for helping to insure that your child is in class every day and on time.