

Dress Code

Students, teachers, and staff are expected to dress in a manner that demonstrates they respect themselves and the learning environment. Clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate for learning and weather conditions, and at no time should it cause a disruption to the learning environment. School administrators will apply their school's dress code uniformly and consistently to all students regardless of gender. Students will not be ridiculed, humiliated, or embarrassed for a dress code violation. If a dress code violation requires the imposition of discipline, the student will receive all applicable due process before the imposition of any consequence. Dress code enforcement actions should minimize the potential loss of educational time and the disruption to the student's day. Parents may be called to bring the student a suitable change of clothing.

The following would be considered in violation of the dress code:

- Clothing that is low enough to reveal a student's underwear
- Clothing advertising drugs, alcohol, tobacco, acts of violence or lawlessness
- Clothing associated with gangs, illicit drugs, or illegal substances
- Clothing with offensive and/or vulgar language and/or designs
- Hats, caps, hoods, and sunglasses worn in the building
- Clothing that does not provide opaque coverage of an individual's buttocks, genitals, and breasts.
- Clothing must have a top and bottom, or be an appropriate one-piece outfit. Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front covering the abdomen, on the sides and under the arms, and in the back covering the upper and lower back.
- Coats worn in the building during instructional time
- Dangling jewelry, particularly earrings
- Bare feet, flip-flops or any shoe not safe for recess or PE activities

Absolutely nothing will be allowed at school that is intended, recognized, or acknowledged by the Metro Gang Task Force, to signify affiliation with, participation in, or approval of a gang.

Each elementary school's School Community Council (SCC) will annually review their school's dress code to ensure that it takes into account current trends and reflects the school community. A copy of Board Policy S-5: Dress and Grooming, and the accompanying administrative procedures can be found in Appendix K.