

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> STUDENT DRESS CODE	<i>Code</i> JICA
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The responsibility for the dress and appearance of students will rest with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

They have the right to determine how the student will dress providing that attire is not destructive to school property; complies with requirements for health and safety; and is not disruptive, offensive, disrespectful or discriminatory. The administration is authorized to take action when individual dress:

- Does not meet these stated requirements; or
- Is not in accordance with the respective student/parent handbook.

School-specific bans on hats or headwear must provide exceptions for a documented or known instructional, safety, religious and/or medical reason.

At any time during the school day and/or at school events, if a student is wearing an item of clothing that is distracting from or not conducive to a healthy learning environment, parents/guardians may be contacted to bring a change of clothing to school or the school will provide clothing if necessary. This includes but is not limited to: clothing or jewelry displaying messages or illustration of a profane nature, sexual connotation, violence, or suggestive statement relating to drugs, alcohol or any illegal substances; accessories that could reasonably be considered detrimental to student health and safety (chains, sharp objects etc). The student will not resume their regular schedule until their clothing is modified. This Dress Code applies to all school days or events, including themed dress-up days.

Student, faculty or parent/guardian groups may recommend appropriate dress for school or special occasions. Students will not be prevented from attending school or a school function, or otherwise be discriminated against, provided their dress and appearance meet the requirements set forth above.

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