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DRESS CODE

Student dress should exemplify an atmosphere of learning. Students may not wear any type of dress or look that is distracting or disrespectful to the learning environment. Apparel that disrupts educational activities and processes of the school will result in the removal of the student from the regular school environment until acceptable apparel can be secured for the student. The administration will be the final judge about whether a student's attire is appropriate for school or whether it will create an environmental climate that is distracting to learning.

The main purpose of the dress code and the discipline policies is to prepare students to participate in the community and the workplace and to teach students appropriate standards of dress. Every possible situation cannot be addressed in this policy; therefore, the administration reserves the right to make amendments deemed necessary for the welfare of the school.

Consequences for violating the dress code:

- Student will be sent to ISS.
- Parent will be notified to bring appropriate clothing
- If clothes cannot be sent, the student will remain in ISS until appropriate clothing can be obtained.

Requirements for student dress are listed below:

1. **ALL** clothing must be appropriately sized, securely fastened and cover midriff, back, sides, shoulders, and all undergarments at all times.
2. Rips, holes, or tears (revealing skin) in clothing must be below mid-thigh.
3. See-through, revealing, or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meets the minimum requirements of this dress code.
4. Gang paraphernalia, garments and/or jewelry, tattoos, or other insignias, which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related wording/graphics or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in school shall not be worn.
5. Clothing must not state, imply, or depict hate speech or imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or any other characteristics protected by federal or state law or Board policy.
6. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury including, but not limited to, items with spikes, or sharp objects, wallet chains, leashes, and heavy link chains are not allowed.
7. Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, roller skates, skate shoes, and bedroom slippers/house shoes, steel or composite toe shoes.
8. Form fitting leotard/spandex/leggings types of clothing is not allowed unless proper outer garments cover to mid-thigh or longer in both front and back. Dresses, skirts, shorts/skorts, must cover to mid-thigh length or longer in both front and back.
9. Clothing and footwear traditionally designed as sleepwear shall not be worn.
10. Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas, hoodies with hoods up, sweatbands and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours, however these articles must not violate this dress code.
11. Costume wear (such as tails, ears, masks, hats, flags, etc.) is not allowed to be worn except on special Days designated by the school administration.
12. Blankets are not allowed at school at any time.