

# SCHOOL DRESS CODE STANDARDS

The purpose of the school dress code is to ensure that students are focused on academic success. “The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to wear clothing that is suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students shall not wear clothing that presents a health or safety hazard or is likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational program. Mills Middle School’s Dress Code is as follows:

- Collared shirts are preferred, but tasteful t-shirts are allowed and ALL shirts MUST have sleeves. Crop tops, or any short shirts not covering the midsection are not allowed.
- Skirts, Dresses, and Shorts must generally reach mid-thigh, approximately where the fingertips fall when the arms are relaxed. Pants or shorts with holes, rips or tears, must not be excessive or revealing.
- Any garment that can be seen through is unacceptable.
- All undergarments must be 100% covered and any part of the anatomy that underwear is designed to cover, may not be exposed.
- Flip-flops or slippers are not allowed. Heels on shoes must not exceed 2 inches. ▪ Wearing PE clothes outside of PE is not permitted.
- No sagging allowed.
- To ensure the safety of our students, they must be recognizable at all times. Head coverings should be removed by students when entering a classroom. Exceptions may be made for students that are wearing religious head coverings.
- Bathing suits and sleep wear may not be worn as school attire.
- Clothing or personal items displaying any reference to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, bigotry, gangs, nudity, or containing or suggesting obscenity or vulgarity are prohibited.
- Wednesdays are “Where you headed Wednesdays,” and students are encouraged to wear college apparel.
- Fridays are Mills Spirit Days. Students are encouraged to wear green and gold.
- Dressing in approved P.E. clothes in P.E. is mandatory. Mills Middle School P.E. uniforms may be purchased at the student store. Clothes worn to school as normal attire may not be worn in P.E.
- When needed for student safety, such as in laboratory or school activities, additional safety measures may be added to the dress code.
- Blankets MAY NOT be brought to school or used as coats or cover-ups. The dress code will be enforced by ALL STAFF. The appropriateness of clothing in question as per this dress code will be left to the discretion of the Mills Middle School Administration.