

# STUDENT DRESS CODE

2023-24

East Oldham Middle School expects students to come to school dressed responsibly and in a way that is appropriate for the school day.

Student dress choices should respect the District's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive and diverse. Students should come to school wearing articles of clothing that are respectful to all communities, ethnic groups, genders, and political views. The dress code below was updated based on multiple meetings with students to make sure they had voice and input.

Teachers, staff members, and students should be aware of the dress code, and the consequences students can receive if they violate it. If a student feels that they did not violate the dress code or feels that they were disciplined unfairly, they can schedule a meeting with one of the principals to discuss how they feel about the matter.

## **Tops/Shirts**

- Only shirts with sleeves are permissible.
- Shirts, or baggy clothing that may result in indecent exposure are not allowed.
- Spaghetti straps and straps that tie at the top of the shoulder are not allowed.
- Cleavage is NOT to be shown.
- Short shirts/crop tops that expose the midriff area are not allowed (this includes while sitting, running, standing, bending over, etc.)
- If multiple layers are worn, the outer shirt/jacket, etc. must cover midriff at all times.
- *If multiple layers are and one shoulder is exposed, a tank top must be worn underneath (covering bra strap)*
- *Dress code rules apply to all positions of movement, including sitting, standing still, bending over, running, etc.*

*\*\*Regardless of current style or trends... underwear/bras, anatomy, etc., should not be seen when wearing tops (i.e., open-cut tank tops, see-through, baggy, cold-shoulder, etc.)*

## **Bottoms/Shorts/Jeans**

- Any bottoms (shorts, skirts, etc.) cannot be hidden by tops (i.e., sweatshirts, long jerseys, etc.)
- Shorts, skirts, or baggy clothing that may result in indecent exposure are not allowed.
- Shorts that result in color of underwear being shown are not allowed

- Shorts that result in underwear, boxers, etc. being shown are not permissible
- Words printed on the seats of students' pants, shorts, skirts, etc. are not allowed
- Dress code rules apply to all positions of movement, including sitting, standing still, bending over, running, etc.

*\*\*Regardless of current style or trends, underwear should not be seen when wearing any kind of bottoms, shorts, jeans, etc. This includes rips/tears/holes in jeans, shorts or any clothing, etc.)*

## **General Items**

- Headwear (hoods, hats, bandanas, sweatbands, etc.) is not to be worn in school. Exceptions include:
  - Designated hat day (hoodies are not permitted)
  - Students purchase Hat Pass with Pride Points (hoodies are not permitted)

*\*Parents may apply for an exemption to this policy for recognized cultural/religious headwear.*

- Markings on skin or clothing are not permitted.
- Writing on clothing that makes fun of/puts down another group of people related to gender, race, ethnicity, religion, etc. is not permissible
- Writing on clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs or any paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities, extreme violence, etc., or vulgar or suggestive content
- Items of sleepwear may be worn only:
  - on a designated Pajama Day
  - when students purchase Pajama Pass with Pride Points

*\*\*Any other items deemed inappropriate, disruptive, or dangerous by administrators or teachers will be subject to change or removal.*

We ask that parents/families review this with their child. Any teacher/staff will address concerns immediately. Because we value instructional time, parents will be called to bring alternate clothing to school.