

## **OCSD Code of Conduct Reminders for Parents**

**SY 25-26**

### **Clear Book Bags**

- All students in Orangeburg County School District are required to utilize clear book bags. This is critical to the increased safety and security of all students, faculty, staff, and school community stakeholders. Failure to comply will be considered defiance/refusal to obey.

### **Student Dress Code**

- Students are responsible for dressing in an appropriate manner at all times while on a school campus or while
- involved in a school or district sponsored event/activity. Wearing appropriate attire promotes a positive
- influence on the school climate. In addition to clothing, and shoes, student attire includes any jewelry,
- emblem, badge, symbol, sign, comment, or other items worn or displayed by an individual.
- Guidelines for Attire
- Clothing is to be worn appropriately and in the manner for which it was designed.
- Pants shall be worn at waist level.
- Undergarments shall not be exposed at any time.
- Clothing shall not reveal bare skin between upper chest and no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses shall be of adequate length to assure modesty (no more than 2 inches
- above the knee).
- Hats shall not be worn in school (unless approved for health, safety, or religious reasons).
- Appropriate shoes should be worn at all times. Shoes such as closed toe shoes, sandals with straps, and
- Crocs with straps are appropriate. (Decorative decals, designs, and items on shoes that represent violations
- to the code of conduct are not permitted and may result in disciplinary action.)

### **Prohibited Attire**

- Clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other attire with words or images depicting or relating to tobacco,
- drugs, or alcohol.
- Clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other attire displaying inflammatory, suggestive, racial, or other

- inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.
- Clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other attire displaying profanity, obscenity, violence, weapons,
- symbols of hate, or offensive content.
- Clothing, jewelry, accessories, other attire, and/or manner of grooming that indicate or imply gang
- membership or affiliation.
- Clothing or attire that is body contouring such as, but not limited to, leggings, jeggings, tights, or
- yoga pants worn without shirt or top that reaches 2 inches above the knee.
- Clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other attire that could pose a safety threat including, but not limited
- to, heavy chains, multi- finger rings, studded bracelets or collars, fishhooks, nose- or lip-to-ear
- chains, etc.
- Loungewear, pajamas, and onesies.
- Flip flops, sandals without straps, crocs without straps, bedroom shoes, slides, shoes with wheels, shoes
- that damage the carpet and floors, and heels over 1 1/2 inches (to include but not limited to athletic/sports).
- Bandanas, head stockings, head scarfs or kerchiefs (unless approved for health, safety, or religious
- reasons).
- Shirts, tops, dresses that are backless, strapless, halter-style, cutout, bare-shouldered, see through, or
- spaghetti straps.
- Extreme clothing or other attire that would interfere with the learning process, cause a disruption of
- the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard.

### **Other Approved Attire**

- Students may wear special dress or costumes for specific events or special occasions, when
- approved by the principal.
- During the regular school day, students' athletic attire, such as tennis, track, cheerleading outfits,
- etc., must conform to all other regulations of the dress code.
- Each school's administration makes the final judgment on appropriateness of any student's dress
- and reserve the right to prohibit any clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other attire disruptive to their
- school.

- If approved by the Superintendent, an individual school may have a more restrictive dress code with the
- support or recommendation of the school administration and the School Improvement Council.
- Students found to be in violation of the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action.