

## DRESS CODE

It is the policy of this school to require students to dress appropriately to enhance a positive learning environment in our buildings. While the staff and administration of Meridian understand fashion trends are ever changing, it is important to establish guidelines for dress as a means for preserving the educational environment. These guidelines for dress direct students to wear clothing, which would avoid extremism and/or distractions to the educational process. If a student's appearance is deemed by a teacher or administrator to be a disturbing influence, that student will be asked to change clothes or have a parent bring a change of clothes.

Students should take pride in their appearance and approach school much like they would an occupation. Because of the large number of events in which students are visible to the public, they are expected to dress appropriately at all events.. Students are expected to be neat, clean, and fully dressed in good taste.

The following are guidelines established in an effort to maintain a positive learning environment. The administration reserves the right to deem attire, not specifically enumerated below, inappropriate if it may be disruptive to the learning process..

The following are considered guidelines for appropriate dress in the school environment

1. No clothing with writing or symbols that promote or advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
2. No clothing with writing or symbols that is sexually explicit or suggestive.
3. No Sunglasses unless prescribed by a doctor as part of medical treatment
4. No Clothing that is offensive or denigrating to others.
5. No hats, caps, or bandanas are to be worn inside the building
6. "Hoodies" are not to be worn up while inside the school building or when taking part in a student/school related activity in, or outside of, school.
7. Clothing should cover the bust, abdomen, back, shoulder and posterior. All tops must have 2 straps. Off the shoulder or tube tops are not permitted. Tops must touch the top of jeans, slacks, shorts, etc.
8. Jeans and shorts are to be worn properly-around the waist. Skin tight or revealing apparel is not acceptable..
9. See through apparel is unacceptable unless worn over the top of acceptable dress enumerated within this policy.
10. Torn or ripped jeans, shorts, or skirts are permissible provided the tear or rip cannot be considered too revealing.
11. Blankets, or other types of non-clothing related coverings, are not to be used, carried or worn in the classrooms or hallways
12. Shoes with wheels are not allowed.