

Cleveland Middle School 2023-2024 Dress Code

All Apparel:

- **Must be size appropriate and free from holes, rips, tears, and cuts, *above the fingertips when arms/hands are relaxed at sides*.**
- No article of clothing may be worn which implies or otherwise promotes alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, violence, gangs, racial or offensive language, and political rhetoric. This includes belt buckles and jewelry.
- Extraneous zippers, metal studs, or dangling cloth strips are forbidden.
- Any item bearing the logo of any school other than Cleveland Middle and/or Cleveland High School is strictly forbidden. College, military or professional sports team logos are acceptable.
- Solids and patterns are permitted.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time.

Bottom Wear

- Pants must be securely fastened about the waist and made of cotton, cotton/polyester, twill or denim.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be long enough to reach the fingertips.
- **No holes, rips, tears, or cuts above the fingertips when arms/hands are relaxed at sides.**
- Slits in skirts or dresses must not extend more than two inches from the hem.
- Slacks, shorts or skirts will be worn at or above the hip point and be able to stay up without a belt. No sagging.
- Belts, when worn, must be leather or fabric and must have a plain buckle.
- **Leggings are acceptable with a top that extends to the fingertips when arms/hands are relaxed at sides.**
- **Pajama pants are NOT acceptable.**

Dresses and skirts

- Dresses and skirts are acceptable if they meet the guidelines for top/bottom wear.

Shirts

- Shirts must have sleeves, cover the belly area, and have a modest neckline (no low-cut). Any style or pattern is acceptable as long as it is modest and appropriate.
- Unacceptable items include, but are not limited to: items with a low neckline, made of see-through material, shirts with cutouts, tank tops, long t-shirts or sweatshirts worn as a dress (without appropriate bottomwear), or jerseys unless issued by the school.

Shoes

- **Closed toe shoes that secure around the heel must be worn at all times. House shoes, slides, and slippers are not allowed. Crocs with heel straps are acceptable.**

Coats/Jackets

- Lightweight jackets including sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, and anoraks are permitted.
- No long or trench coats are allowed at all.
- Coats and blankets are not permitted to be worn in the school building (exception: when entering or leaving the building or when there is a defect in the heating system).
- Coats are defined as items that are normally associated with outdoor wear and/or worn over indoor clothing for protection from outside elements.

Accessories

- Student faces must be visible at all times. Hair cannot cover the face.
- Headwear is not to be worn by any student while in the school building; this includes hats, ball caps, wool hats, beanies, bandanas, do-rags, bonnets, skull caps, and sweat-type headbands. Religious headwear is accepted.
- **Ear and nose piercings that do not pose a safety risk are acceptable.**
- Large, long, and/or heavy chains, studded or chained accessories are prohibited including wallet or belt chains.
- Sunglasses indoors are prohibited.
- Hoods are not to be worn at any time in the building.
- **Airpods (and other wireless headphones) are NOT permitted during school hours. Wired headphones are permitted in the classroom for academic purposes at the teachers discretion.**

Note: The Administrators of Cleveland Middle School shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether or not it is appropriate for school. Fashions deemed as a distraction to the educational process will not be allowed. The judgment of administrators will stand.