

# **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

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The primary responsibility for student dress and grooming rests with the parent or guardian. That said, the school has responsibility for establishing and maintaining an atmosphere that enhances the learning environment. Rulings and interpretations of the dress code will be made with a disposition towards modest dress, defined as dress which is more pre-professional than it is overly casual or provocative (as determined by the administration).

1. The school shall regulate the dress and grooming of students to the extent that the educational process is not disrupted. Student appearance must be in good taste. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times during school and at school sponsored activities. The dress code applies to all students during the school day including athletes in athletic uniforms.
2. Restrictions will be imposed when dress or grooming becomes so sensational or casual that it compromises the seriousness or purpose of the student and the school. Students may be asked to change or cover up at the discretion of the Principal/designee.
3. Dress or grooming that is detrimental to personal health or safety or the safety of others, or which will damage school property, will not be permitted. No chains or spiked jewelry, or spiked accessories of any size are permitted.
4. Students will be permitted to wear skirts or shorts at any time during the school year. The length of a student's skirt or shorts must come to at least the student's mid-thigh or lower. Mid-thigh or lower means that the material of the skirt or shorts will reach below the extended fingertips when the student is standing with arms and fingers extended to their sides. Capri pants are a good option. Parent support in this is essential for good choices.
5. Students may not have holes in their skirts, shorts, pants and other such garments above their mid-thigh. Mid-thigh defined as fingertip length when the student is standing with arms and fingers extended to their sides.
6. Clothing with slogans depicting and/or advertising profanity, violence, vulgar suggestions, sexual connotations (i.e. Hooters shirts, etc.), alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or which is discriminatory in nature shall not be worn to school. Clothing considered to be nightwear is also unacceptable, including slippers, pajama shirts, pajama pants, bath robes, and nighties.
7. For health and safety reasons, socks must be worn at dances. Unless a dance is otherwise advertised (i.e. semi-formal; 50's-theme, etc.), the dress code applies to dances and other social activities held at school.
8. The bottom of your shirt or blouse must at least meet the top of your pants, shorts, or skirt at all times (no bare midriff). This means if a student has to constantly pull down the shirt to be in compliance, or if when walking down the hall the material doesn't reach the top of the pants, shorts, or skirt, then the student is not in compliance with the dress code. Undergarments cannot be exposed.
9. There must be substantial covering over both shoulders (straps must be at least as wide as the wearer's 3 middle fingers). This means that spaghetti strap tops, tube tops, single strap tops, halter tops, or tops that have a completely open back, are not acceptable.

Also unacceptable are tops that draw inappropriate attention to the wearer. Examples of this are see-through, thin, excessively sheer and/or tight clothing, or silk camisole/lingerie style clothing worn as an outer garment, i.e. without a jacket or sweater to provide appropriate coverage. At no

time should cleavage, midriff skin or any type of undergarment be visible.  
Parent support in this is essential.

10. Hats/head coverings (excluding hair accessories) are not to be worn in the building. Student councils and the administration may recognize Friday as special hat day/spirit day. If a special hat day is scheduled, an announcement will be made. Students will only be permitted to wear baseball-style hats during the prearranged and scheduled special hat days.
11. Sagging is not permitted in Gobles. "Sagging" is defined as "Wearing pants with the pants' waist below your waist." The intent is to assure that your behind is covered by your pants, not just by your shirt. Your pants must cover your behind to the point of your waist. Undergarments cannot be exposed. Sagging pants will lead to disciplinary action.
12. Heavy or winter coats intended for outdoor use are not appropriate indoor dress. Sweaters, hoodies, sweatshirts, or light jackets may be worn to keep students comfortable.

## **Penalties For Violations**

Students and parent/guardians are expected to make clothing choices for school with the school's dress code in mind. If a student is in violation of the dress code, the school will take steps to hold the student to the requirements of the dress code.

Student and parent/guardians support of the dress code will eliminate most, if not all, problems. School administration will be the final decision maker in determining if a student is in violation of the school dress code.

When a student is found to be in violation of the dress code, the following steps will be enforced:

1. The student will be given the opportunity to fix the clothing issue either by changing clothes, putting on additional clothing, or calling home and having someone bring additional clothing or a change of clothing to the student (students waiting for clothing to be brought to the school will be "housed" in the office or in the ISS room until the clothing arrives).
2. If the student transported themselves to school, the student will be given the option of calling their parent/guardian and getting permission to leave school grounds to go back home and change. But, the student must sign out in the office upon departing, must sign back in upon returning to school, and may not go to any location other than their home. If the student fails to return back to school, visits any location other than their home, or does not return in a reasonable amount of time, then the student will be charged with skipping school.
3. If the student is unable to fix the clothing issue, then the student will remain in ISS for the rest of the school day. Multiple and continuing dress code violations may result in disciplinary action.