

Student Dress - A student's dress and appearance shall not be such that it causes disruption, distracts others from the educational process or creates a health or safety concern. All students are expected to dress appropriately. Apparel worn to school should be neat and clean. Items of clothing, body art and accessories with language that is vulgar, obscene, or discriminating, or that promote or depict weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia, themes of violence, or gang symbols are prohibited.

1. Examples of unacceptable dress include, but are not limited to:

a. "See through" shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts and sleeveless shirts that do not extend to the point of the shoulder. These may only be worn with an additional shirt of a different type underneath or over.

b. Hats, head covers (except for religious purposes), hoods, bandanas, and sunglasses are not to be worn in a school building.

c. Clothing that exposes undergarments, the midriff, chest, back, or buttocks is inappropriate for school and is not permitted.

d. Pajamas and other sleepwear.

e. Absence of shoes or appropriate footwear. Examples of inappropriate footwear include, but are not limited to, slippers, shoes with wheels, and in grades PK-5, open toed and open backed shoes.

f. Clothing with inappropriate slogans, sexual innuendo, themes of violence, or negative gestures, especially as they relate to alcohol, drugs, illegal substances, or tobacco products.

g. Pants worn below the normal waistline and/or at a length that may cause walking on the hem of the garment.

h. Shorts that do not reach mid-thigh.

i. Skirts and dresses that are more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap, including slits.

j. Skin-tight clothing, to include, but not limited to, yoga pants and leggings/jeggings, unless covered by a garment reaching mid-thigh.

k. Pants with holes that reveal skin or undergarments above mid-thigh.

l. Bandanas hanging from pockets, or "flagging."

m. Any student's dress that is determined by school administration to be disruptive to the learning environment is not acceptable.

2. Principals have the final determination of the appropriateness of student dress.

3. Students who fail to meet the dress standards as stated above will be asked to change clothes and parents will be contacted for their assistance. If a student dress code violation cannot be immediately

remedied, the student may be placed into in-school suspension until such time as the violation can be remedied. Repeated violations of the student dress policy will be treated as defiance, and may result in consequences up to and including in-school and out of school suspension.