

Dress Code Policy

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board takes pride in the appearance of its students. Dress reflects personal integrity and implies attitudes toward self, school and conduct. Therefore, students are expected to dress and groom neatly in apparel suitable for school activities. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding the appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the school or the health and safety of others. Clothing that is disruptive or that detracts from the educational process or is destructive to others. Clothing that is disruptive or that detracts from the educational process or is destructive to school property is inappropriate. Because the school environment is a workplace, acceptable clothing for school may be different than clothing that may be worn in other environments. State health standards require footwear to be worn at all times when on school campuses.

When in doubt, parents and students should select more conservative clothing. Students deemed inappropriate in their attire will be directed to the administration office to obtain acceptable clothing and my result in further disciplinary action. Parents will be notified for repeat offenses.

The following items are considered inappropriate for the school setting:

- Any attire such as, but not limited to, exposing chest, cleavage, abdomen, genital area, or buttocks.
- Any attire deemed to be gang related or affiliated with a negative group. This includes any altered clothing such as, but not limited to, bandannas and headgear, including do-rags and hairnets.
- Any "in memory" attire
- Any attire that is deemed to be vulgar, profane, racially or sexually suggestive, obscene or promotes violence threats or intimidation.
- Any attire that presents a risk to the health, safety or general welfare.
- Jewelry that presents a safety hazard to self and/or others, this includes spiked jewelry, chains, or other potentially dangerous accessories.
- Clothing or patches that advertise, display, or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco (in any form), drug paraphernalia, weapons, and violence and/or illegal substances of any type.
- Low-cut shirts, see-through fabric, bare-midriff shirts, or clothing that is backless or razor-back shirts that are revealing.
- Hats worn in any building.
- Tank tops with shoulder widths less than 1 ½" inches
- Muscle shirts, undergarments worn as outer garments, tube tops, short skirts or short shorts, excessively baggy and/or sagging pants or shorts, trench coats, any clothing that allows your underwear to show. Minimum hemline length of shorts and skirts is to the end of fingertips.
- Visible tattoos that are considered inappropriate.
- Pajamas (PJ's) and slippers.

Students who volunteer for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, chorus, etc., are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities.

School administrators will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of any student's appearance. Any apparel which the administration determines to be unacceptable in light of community standards is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to clothing which offends or disrupts the educational process.

***Students who violate the dress code policy are subject to disciplinary code.**