

## FITZGERALD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

The intent of the dress code is to promote good habits of cleanliness, neatness, and modesty while still providing the students with means of self-expression and general comfort. Students are permitted to determine their own dress and hair style as long as such dress and hair styles:

- Are clean and represent good habits of health.
- Are reasonably modest.
- It is expected students will wear clothing in a neat fashion.

The following types of clothing would be considered inappropriate for school because they include clothing and/or accessories that disrupt or present a potential health and/or safety problem or interfere with the educational process:

- Athletic, short-shorts or cut-off jeans. Students may wear walking shorts and/or any shorts that come down past the student's finger tips when the student's arms are in a relaxed position. Pajama bottoms are not allowed.
- Skirts and dresses must be worn at the natural waistline and measure no shorter than 2" above the knee.
- When tights are worn in lieu of pants, the length of the top worn must meet the same requirements of a skirt or dress measuring no shorter than 2" above the knee. Tights by themselves without the proper length top are not acceptable.
- Pants are to be worn at the natural waistline, not hanging low on the hips with legs dragging on the ground.
- Clothing, accessories, and/or backpacks that denote membership in a gang or promote gang activity, are profane, obscene, and/or suggestive, or reference "Mile" roads ie: 7 Mile, 8 Mile, 9 Mile, etc.
- Sheer, low cut, or tight-fitted blouses, bare shoulder blouses and shirts including tank tops, string tops, underwear tops, bare midriff blouses and shirts.
- Are potentially unsafe or hazardous to the student in his/her school activities.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers, house shoes and footwear without soles, or bare feet are not allowed.
- Interfere with the student being able to do his/her best work because of blocked vision or restricted movement.
- Are distracting to the point that they interfere with the teaching and learning process.
- Headwear (hats, scarves, hoods, bandanas, sweatbands, skull caps, etc.) is not to be worn or carried in school between first and last hours unless required by religion or in certain classes for safety reasons. Headwear will be confiscated by school personnel.
- Gloves or other hand coverings are not to be worn during school hours.
- Sunglasses, headphones, headsets, and earplugs are not permissible dress, and should be kept in lockers. Items will be confiscated by school personnel during school hours.
- Coats and backpacks are to be kept in lockers and will be confiscated by school personnel if brought to class. Lightweight, nylon or mesh drawstring bags are allowed.
- Chains, spikes, and other metal apparel cannot be worn at school.

It is administration's discretion to determine whether clothing and/or accessories disrupt or present a potential health and/or safety problem or interfere with the education process.

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