

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING CODE POLICY

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. (related to dress)
- It is expected students will wear clothing in a neat fashion.

The following guidelines review appropriate dress for an educational setting that promotes a positive and safe learning environment.

- Skirts and dresses and shorts must be worn at the natural waistline and be of reasonable length
- When tights are worn in lieu of pants, the length of the top worn must meet the same requirements of a skirt or dress which is of reasonable length 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 pant 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 portray drug, alcohol, tobacco, sexual references, or double meanings are prohibited. Wearing or displaying any clothing, jewelry, colors, or insignia that intentionally identifies the student as a member of a gang, or otherwise symbolizes support of a gang is not allowed.
- Non apparel items (blankets, flags, stuffed animals and capes, etc.) are not allowed.
- Sheer or low cut tops that show undergarments are not allowed.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers or bare feet are not allowed.
- Headwear (hats, scarves, hoods, bandanas, sweatbands, skull caps, etc.) and sunglasses are not to be worn or carried in school unless required by religion or in certain classes for safety reasons. Headwear will be confiscated by school personnel.
- Winter coats must be kept in lockers during the school day and will be confiscated by school personnel if brought to class.
- Backpacks are only permitted when entering and exiting the building and must be left in the student's locker throughout the school day. Lightweight, nylon or mesh drawstring bags including purses are allowed but must fit underneath the desk.
- 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.