

DRESS CODE/PERSONAL APPEARANCE

If a style of dress or grooming becomes or appears to become distracting or disruptive to the educational process or constitutes a threat to the safety or health of students, it will not be permitted in school. Further, some types of dress are considered inappropriate when worn in school since they do not promote an educational atmosphere that is conducive to learning. The way a student dresses reflects his/her attitude toward school and class work. Students are expected to be neat, clean, and fully dressed at all times. Dress and appearance must be such that students are covered from shoulders to mid-thigh. If there is any doubt about dress and appearance, the building administrator will make the final decision.

Tops

- No shirts which do not cover the mid-section (belly) when the student is sitting or standing.
- No tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or backless garments of any kind unless worn under a shirt that meets dress code. ~~A tank top is defined as a shirt that does not cover the entire shoulder area from the neck to the top of the arm. The area from the base of the neck to the top of the arm/shoulder must be covered. Arm openings on shirts should not be larger than the arm itself.~~
- No low-cut shirts which expose cleavage when the student is sitting, standing, or bending over.
- No shirts with references to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, obscenities, violence, weapons, ethnic/racial slurs, or superiority.
- No shirts which are torn, altered, or have holes.
- No shirts which are sheer unless worn over a shirt that meets dress code.

Bottoms

- No shorts or skirts which are shorter than mid-thigh.
- No shorts or skirts which are torn, altered, or have holes.
- No pants with holes above mid-thigh.
- No leggings unless worn with a shirt/sweatshirt/sweater which completely covers the student's bottom.

Other

- At the elementary schools: No flip flops, sandals, slides, or shorts/skirts/dresses (unless worn with leggings) during the 2nd and 3rd quarter due to the colder temperatures at recess.
- No undergarment exposure.
- No bare or stocking feet (shoes must be worn at all times).
- No hats or bandannas.
- No accessories with spikes or chains.
- No sunglasses.
- No pajamas unless approved by the administration.
- No outerwear (coats, jackets, gloves) may be worn in class unless approved by the teacher.

School sponsored uniforms must adhere to the above criteria. Criteria for wearing school sponsored uniforms during the school day are approved by the administration. Separate dress code criteria for certain extracurricular activities are appropriate and will be determined by the administration. Students who violate the dress code/personal appearance policy will be required to change clothes and may receive disciplinary action.