

DRESS CODE

The following guidelines should be helpful in making the correct decisions concerning proper dress and grooming. This is not an all-inclusive list. The principal or designee will make the final judgment on appropriate dress and appearance.

- Practice good hygiene
- All pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no more than three inches above the knee while seated.
- Shirts/sweaters must cover the midsection, front and back, and have a modest or appropriate cut or neckline.
- Tops must be long enough to cover the mid-section when arms are raised above the head. Clothing which exposes the midriff will not be allowed.
- Shirts and pants can be of any color and print (striped, checked, flowered, etc.). However, clothing that displays inappropriate writing, pictures, or references or infers inappropriate material WILL NOT be allowed.
- Pants should be worn at waist level.
- Undergarment(s) should be worn in an appropriate manner and should not be visible at any time.
- Shoes must have a closed toe and heel. (K-6)
- For safety reasons, piercings will be limited to ears only. Earrings are to be no more than 2 inches in diameter. Earrings with chains attached will not be allowed.

Individual schools may designate additional guidelines as needed for their dress and appearance code.

Rule of thumb: If you are in doubt about a particular garment or outfit, **DO NOT** wear it.

INAPPROPRIATE DRESS FOR SCHOOL:

- Holes or slits in clothing are acceptable as long as no skin is showing above the knee.
- Athletic type shorts or pants may be worn (K-6).
- High school cannot wear athletic shorts or pants. This includes running shorts, basketball shorts, yoga or exercise pants, sweat pants with elastic at the hem.
- Sunglasses, combs, and gloves ARE NOT to be worn in the building or during class, whether inside or out.
- All hats, bandannas, hair rollers, and head coverings will be prohibited inside the buildings and during classes.
- No sleeveless shirts for boys or girls.
- Any clothing worn in a way that suggests gang affiliation is not permitted. Example: Bandannas hanging from pockets, excessively long chains hanging from belt, one pant leg rolled up to knee, the wearing of a single glove, etc.
- Jeggings or leggings may not be worn unless they are under dresses, tops, or skirts that are of appropriate length. They are not to be worn as outer garments.
- Sagging or slacking is not acceptable.
- Clothing that is controversial or degrades any culture, gender, religion, or ethnic values are not acceptable.
- Clothing that does not fit, that is excessively tight, loose, or revealing will not be allowed.

Note: Any class time missed due to dress code violations will be unexcused. However, missed assignments will reflect 50% of completed work of earned grade.

School administration reserves the right to make decisions regarding student attire and grooming not covered in the above dress guidelines. Exceptions may be made to any of the above when physical or other circumstances warrant for certain groups during performances or special activities as authorized by school administrators. If in doubt about particular dress guidelines violation, school administration will be responsible for making final decisions.

Book Bags: High school students are to store their book bags in their lockers. Book bags are not allowed in the classrooms nor are they to be left in the hallways. Elementary students have lockers in the classrooms and are to store their books in those lockers.