

## STUDENT DRESS & GROOMING 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 (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.

### Dress Code

Students' dress and grooming must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety, and decency.

Creating an environment conducive to the task of learning is extremely important. For this reason, we ask parents to please monitor the attire that their children wear to school each day. However, the final decision as to the appropriateness will be determined by school administration. All clothing must ensure that the student retains acceptable modesty. Any student dressing in a way that creates a distraction to the learning environment, a safety hazard, or a health hazard will not be admitted to class. Students in violation of the dress code will be sent to the office and given the opportunity to correct the violation. Subsequent violations will result in progressive discipline up to and including suspension from school.

Examples of inappropriate dress include, but are not limited to the following:

- Clothing that advocates the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, profanity, sex, or innuendos, as well as any negative depiction of race, religion, sex or national origin
- Hats/head wear except for religious or medical reasons
- Shoulders, mid-sections & cleavage of students must be covered at all times. Tank tops, halter tops or revealing sleeveless shirts are not permitted during regular school hours.
- Bandanas, spiked jewelry, and chains

Guidelines for appropriate dress:

- Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times.
- Shorts, skirts & dresses must extend beyond the open hand of the student while standing or be at least mid-thigh length.
- Pants must ride at, or above, the hip line and cover all undergarments. Pajamas are not permitted, unless part of an approved class or school activity.
- Students who wear yoga pants, tights, leggings, and other similarly designed clothing must wear those items under appropriate length clothing.

Guidelines for backpacks and outerwear:

- Backpacks are to be left in the student coat room or locker.
- Purses and small bags must be equal to, or smaller in size, than a 3 ring binder.
- Outer/winter garments are to be left in the student coat room or locker.

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.