

Dress Code

We believe that proper dress is a positive reflection on our school and promotes self-pride. Therefore, students are expected to wear appropriate apparel that is tasteful, clean, neat, and modest. Clothing may not jeopardize the health or safety of the students. School standards will be in effect for all school days and field trips unless prior approvals for exceptions are granted. Any clothing or dress style that distracts or disrupts the normal learning atmosphere in the classroom will not be permitted.

Following are guidelines for students:

1. Hair should be kept clean and well-groomed.
2. Shorts will be no shorter than the middle of the thigh. Boxer, spandex, biker and gym shorts are not acceptable. Shorts with pictures or writing across the seat are not acceptable.
3. Dresses and skirts that are too short are not acceptable. **Rule is that they must be no higher than 4 inches above the knee.**
4. Clothing should be so constructed and worn in such a manner that is not unduly revealing nor should clothing be worn so that undergarments are revealed. Halter tops, racer back tops, tube tops, tank tops, vest shirts, muscle shirts, or other garments of this nature are not permitted. For girls, sleeveless tops are permitted only if the garments are purchased as sleeveless. Boys are prohibited from wearing sleeveless shirts except for physical education/weightlifting. Bare midsections are not permitted. All tops must come down over the top of the pants/shorts/skirts, etc. **The test: No bare midsection or back is revealed when arms are stretched over head.**
5. Pants must fit around the waist and be free of holes and tears above the knee. Sagging pants or pants with pictures or writing across the seat are not acceptable.
6. Hats, caps, scarves, and bandanas are not permitted for boys or girls (unless for a recognized religious belief).
7. Obscene, immoral, sexually suggestive, or misleading writing or patches on clothing is not allowed. Articles of clothing or jewelry associated with alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs or other activities illegal to students are not to be worn on clothing or jewelry. Buttons with misleading or offensive material are not to be worn.
8. Undergarments must be worn at all times.
9. Outdoor apparel worn inside is not acceptable unless otherwise stated.
10. Students may not wear any items or apparel that could be injurious to themselves or others including spikes, wallet chains, neck collars, and heavy chained necklaces.
11. Sunglasses may not be worn in the school building at any time.
12. No pajama type apparel is to be worn.
13. When students attend award programs for academic and athletic reasons, they should dress properly.
14. **(Middle School only)** All students will be assigned a locker and are encouraged to use the locker throughout the day. Students are encouraged to use string book bags (cinch sacks), to carry books from class to class but these are not intended to take the place of the locker. Other types of book bags may be used but must remain within the acceptable dimensions of 13" x 15" x 4" when filled to capacity. The building principal will have the authority to make all such decisions regarding book bags.

The responsibility of enforcing the dress code belongs to all students, parents and faculty members, but ultimately belongs to the principal. It is within the province of the building principal to adjust any requirements which in his/her opinion would be in the best interest of the school.