

DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS Dress guidelines are designed to promote a standard of appearance that complements the learning environment and prepares pupils for the workplace. Extreme or ostentatious apparel that disrupts the school setting and/or creates a health or safety problem is not acceptable in school. If there is doubt about a particular item of apparel, the student should contact a school administrator for a decision prior to wearing the clothing to school.

Prohibited dress or appearance includes, but is not limited to:

- Items directly or indirectly depicting or referring to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, death, profanity, nudity, vulgarity, obscenity, or other socially inappropriate messages demeaning to any race, religion, sex, or ethnic group or which advocates the violation of the law.
- Revealing, provocative or inappropriate clothing such as tops that expose bare midriff, cleavage and/or undergarments or pajama-style clothing.
- Tank tops with straps less than two adult fingers wide, tops which have spaghetti straps or are backless. Under garments should not be visible.
- Pants that fall below the hip bone, pants that won't stay up without being held up or pants that are excessively baggy. Underwear should not be visible.
- Shorts/skirts with high slits or that expose more than half the thigh. Shorts/skirts are to be no higher than mid-thigh with the measuring point being the highest open point of the skirt hem.
 - Excessive metal accessories: any chains (including chains on wallets), handcuff-type accessories, spikes, sharp protruding objects, safety pins as clothing, or other potentially dangerous items.
- No gang-related symbols, or paraphernalia, which may include, but is not limited to, long belts, hair nets, skull caps, bandannas, etc.
- Clothing which is purposely frayed or torn. No pants with holes exposing underwear will be allowed.
- Headgear or any type of hat or visor worn indoors or backwards. Headgear must be removed by both boys and girls inside buildings.
 - Common courtesy dictates that sunglasses be removed indoors unless there is a written medical excuse.
- Unsafe footwear, including flip-flops, open toed shoes, shoes with wheels, shower shoes, bedroom slippers, clown or oversized shoes. Shoes must be worn at all times and must be appropriate for the specific activities in which students are engaged, i.e., athletic shoes must be worn during physical activities.

Consequences for dress code violations may include, but are not limited to:

- Being asked to change inappropriate item(s).
- Being given an alternative item to wear such as a large T-shirt.
- Parent notification, detention, referral or suspension for repeated offense