

Dress Code

STUDENT DRESS

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. Our middle schools are public schools and not the shopping mall or swimming pool. A reasonable cleanliness of person and wearing apparel is expected. Distracting, inappropriate, or indecent clothing will not be allowed during the school day or school sponsored events. If it appears on the part of school personnel that there is an intent to expose body parts such as the chest, stomach, etc. or undergarments, or to distract from the education environment, school personnel will issue demerits, and request students change clothes or hand out other disciplinary action.

Clothing that is **NOT ALLOWED**:

- Clothing that promotes alcohol, drug or tobacco use, or which depicts violence, hatred, Satanism, or sexually suggestive material such as, but not limited to: Big Johnson, Co-Ed Naked, Butt Ugly, or Hooters.
- Scanty or revealing clothing
- Jeans and pants with holes or tears above the knee
- Pajama bottoms
- Any pants, including baggy pants, that are worn below the waist where undergarments (including boxer shorts) are exposed
- Apparel worn to demonstrate association with a gang
- Halter tops, backless tops, inappropriate necklines, or transparent shirts
- Spaghetti strap dresses
- Exposed undergarments
- Wallet chains and roller shoes are not allowed
- Wide meshed shirts, shirts that expose the midriff or back, and shirts with double meanings (suggestive meanings)

In addition:

- Spaghetti strap t-shirts are acceptable only if another shirt is worn over or under so the shoulders are covered.
- Shorts and skirts need to be of appropriate length and fit according to acceptable standards. Students wearing clothing that exposes the stomach or back, while standing or sitting is not allowed. Pulling the shirt down to cover the skin is NOT acceptable in correcting the problem.
- When standing up shorts/skirts that do not extend at or past the finger tips are too short.
- Shoes and sandals are to be worn in the building at all times, with approved exceptions.
- Coats, jackets, outdoor vests such as down, sunglasses, hats, caps, headbands, bandanas, or other head gear should not be worn in the building.

In general, most other clothing is permissible provided it is in good taste. Issues of profanity and offensive clothing will be determined by staff. Students who do not dress to acceptable standards will be asked to change or leave school. Absences due to this type of behavior will be unexcused.