

## STUDENT APPEARANCE

Students should not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous to them in their school activities, or which prevent students from doing their best work because of blocked vision or restricted movement, or that creates, or is likely to create, a disturbance of the educational process. Some type of protective footwear must be worn. Students wearing inappropriate clothing, as determined by school personnel, will be asked to change and/or disciplined appropriately.

Specific dress code rules are as follows:

- A. All articles of clothing on the lower torso must rest naturally at the top of the hip to ensure that undergarments are not visible in the standing or sitting position. Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh/fingertip in length when a student's arms are comfortably at his/her side. Clothing which is primarily constructed of spandex, spandex type, or other excessively tight material is not permitted as an outer garment, unless it is covered by acceptable clothing at the mid-thigh/fingertip length. Pajamas are not permitted. Any holes in the clothing above fingertip length must be covered with tape or other materials.
- B. No sagging pants or shorts. Pants or shorts are to be worn at or above the waist. Long shirts over sagging pants do NOT meet this requirement;
- C. All shirts or tops must "cover" the underarm, chest, shoulders stomach, and back.
- D. No clothing or other paraphernalia that appear to be gang related. Criminal Gang defined per I.C. 35-45-9-1 means a group with at least three (3) members that specifically:
  - 1) Either:
    - a. Promotes, sponsors, or assists in; or
    - b. Participates in; or
  - 2) Requires as a condition of membership or continued membership; the commission of a felony or act that would be a felony if committed by an adult or the offense of battery;
- E. No hats or head coverings worn in the building;
- F. No sunglasses worn in the building;
- G. No clothing bearing suggestive comments, promoting or advocating the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other conduct prohibited by student code;
- H. No coats, jackets, hoodies with lining, or other items intended to be worn as outerwear in the building;
- I. No large chains and spike jewelry (bracelets, chokers, etc.);
- J. No facial painting except where approved by the principal for school spirit days.
- K. No tails or animal ears are to be worn.

All dress codes issues will be addressed by the school administration. Special events will allow some dress code violations to be suspended for specific reason (i.e. had day, pajama day etc.)

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School personnel reserve the right to determine what is considered inappropriate or disruptive to the educational process.

Penalties for violation of the dress code are as follows:

A log entry will be completed for each dress code violation.

First Violation:

- Student will be asked to correct inappropriate appearance.
- If the inappropriate dress cannot be easily corrected, the parent will be asked to bring a change of clothing to school.
- If none of the above steps is possible, the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the day.

Second Violation:

- Parent will be notified, and the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the day.

Third Violation:

- Parent will be notified, and the student will be sent home from school with a one day out-of-school suspension.

Fourth and Subsequent Violations:

- Parent will be notified and the student will be sent home with a three-day out-of-school suspension, then a five-day out-of-school suspension, and then a ten-day out-of-school suspension – pending expulsion

A student referral to administration for inappropriate school clothes will result in the following actions:

- Student will go to the BAC (Behavior Adjustment Center) to work on assignments until a change of clothes is provided by the parent or appropriate apparel provided by the administration.
- A referral will be written beginning at a Type A Behavior for Habitual offenders and consequences will follow the Progressive Discipline Policy.

Teachers have the right to include in their classroom policy issues addressing winter coats, backpacks, and hats. Issues of safety such as in a physical education, science, or cooking class may deem it necessary to outline appropriate shoes. Field trips and/or school performances may require a specific dress code appropriate for the occasion.