

STUDENT APPEARANCE/DRESS CODE POLICY

The purpose of this dress code is to help ensure student safety and to remove any barriers or distractions to the learning process. Schools are educational institutions, and no extreme form of personal appearance will be allowed to interfere with the educational process. School authorities may limit or prohibit any extreme type or style of student dress, personal appearance, or use of wearing apparel, which, in the judgment of school officials, is deemed to create a disruption of school discipline and routine. Good personal appearance is conducive to a positive learning environment. This dress code promotes grooming and hygiene, instills discipline, prevents disruption, conforms to safety guidelines, and teaches respect for authority. Proper dress by students and staff is expected at all times. All individuals are to come to school clean and neatly dressed. Apparel must meet with health and safety codes, be in good repair, and must not interfere with the educational process.

1. No shoes with cleats, spurs, nails, wheels or anything else that may create a safety hazard.
2. No bare feet.
3. Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration, or hairstyle extreme enough to create distraction or safety hazard or disturb the normal routine of school shall be deemed inappropriate.
4. No articles of clothing with wording, pictures, symbols, or graphics that, either implied or suggested, contain inappropriate language, violence, obscene or sexual connotations, alcohol, narcotics, firearms, or tobacco messages.
5. No halters, spaghetti straps, one shoulder tops, low cut tops, or bare midriffs.
6. Any accessory or clothing article, deemed gang related, as determined by the administration, is prohibited.
7. No hats, caps, bandanas, doo-rags, wave caps, scarves, hoods, etc. unless related to a student's religion will be permitted. This shall be enforced upon entering the building until dismissal.
8. Hoodies are permitted but the hood must be kept completely down.
9. Pajama pants and house slippers are prohibited.
10. No undergarments may be exposed.
11. Pants/shorts may not have holes above fingertip length.
12. Shorts, skirts/dresses must be at least fingertip length.
13. Dark glasses, unless prescribed by a physician, are prohibited inside the building.
14. Tattoos that are vulgar or display items related to drugs, alcohol, or gang symbols, or that are racially or sexually offensive are to be covered and non-visible at all times.
15. Blankets and pillows are not permitted in the school.

*Due to Covid-19 and based on CDC guidelines, State Health Department Guidelines, and the Governor's recommendations, face coverings/masks must be worn at all times when social distancing isn't possible. This restriction will be in place until face coverings/masks are no longer required per these guidelines. All face coverings/masks meet the guidelines set forth in the dress code and addressed in item #4.

**Items such as head coverings, sun glasses, inappropriate materials, and offensive items may be confiscated for up to five days. Certain items may not be returned or only returned to the parent at the discretion of the Principals.