

Dress Code

The basic responsibility for appearance falls upon the students and parents. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. This will be at the school's discretion, students not complying may be removed from the educational setting.

Students should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

- Does my clothing expose too much or do I have to keep adjusting it? (no)
- Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? (no)
- Are there obscene, profane, drug-related, gang-related, or inflammatory messages on my clothing? (no)
- Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? (yes)
- Do I feel comfortable with my appearance? (yes)

Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

1. Shoes or sandals are to be worn at all times while at school.
2. Students' clothing should be clean, safe, and non-disruptive to the educational process.
3. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be finger-tip length all the way around. P.E./Track Shorts which are raised on the side are not allowed, if the raised area does not meet the finger-tip criteria.
4. Strapless or spaghetti strap tops or dresses, tube tops, halter tops, low-cut tops, and bathing suit tops are not permitted. Off the shoulder and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Cold shoulder shirts are allowed.
5. No skin is to be exposed between the waist of the pants or skirt and the bottom of the upper garment.
6. Offensive or suggestive slogans and designs on clothing are not permitted. (No alcohol and drug ads, no profanity, no Tobacco/Vape ads, no mention of gangs, bands, or any illegal or immoral activity, satanic, etc...) The administration reserves the right to determine if clothing is gang related or relates to one of the above mentioned activities.
7. Hats/hoods are not to be worn inside the building unless a specific activity has been proclaimed.
8. No jewelry or clothing is to be worn that can be considered a weapon. This includes wallet chains, neck chains, or dog collar necklaces with sharp points. Pierced jewelry in parts of the body other than the ears will be allowed if not a distraction to the educational process and is approved by the administration.
9. Jeans, slacks, pants, etc... with rips, holes, etc. are allowed to be worn, as long as all holes are below finger-tip length. Holes showing skin that are above finger-tip length are not acceptable and will be considered a violation of the dress code policy.
10. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building unless under a doctor's care for a concussion.
11. No pants that are cut too low or hang too low (baggy) will be allowed.
12. Bandanas are prohibited.
13. No gloves to be worn in the building.
14. No confederate flags may be displayed on any type of apparel.
15. No blouses or shirts that are too revealing.
16. Pajama clothing is not allowed unless a specific activity has been proclaimed.
17. No undergarments should be exposed.

Any student not properly dressed in the opinion of the staff may be sent home or detained in the office until such time that proper clothing can be delivered to the school by that student's parent or guardian. Violations will be at the school/teacher's discretion and will be considered as INSUBORDINATION.

Teachers will check students during the first period for any dress code violations. Penalties will be as follows:

- First Offense: Warning, students must change clothes.
- Second Offense: Detention hall, students must change clothes.
- Three or More Offenses: Multiple detentions, in-school suspension and/or students must change clothes.