

DRESS CODE

Students, at all times, should observe the rules governing body cleanliness, neatness of appearance, and good grooming. T-shirts with improper suggestions or advertising of any alcoholic drink, or illegal substance **will not** be allowed at school. When, in the opinion of administration or teacher, a pupil is inappropriately dressed for school, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be called for proper school attire. Though pupils have the right to choose individual dress, the school has the responsibility to see that the attire is not immodest or offensive to anyone.

The following rules must be adhered to by all students:

- 1. Shoes must be worn at all times. **NO** flip flops, **NO** house/bedroom shoes; **NO** stiletto high heels. Big flat high heels are OK. Socks should be worn with all shoes except sandals. Some classes, for health and safety reasons, may require shoes which cover the entire foot.
- 2. Shirts with profanity, alcoholic beverages, marijuana, drug pictures, suggestive writing or pictures cannot be worn to school.
- 3. No bicycle shorts/pants are allowed.
- 4. Pants must be at the waist with a belt above the buttocks.
- 5. Hair must not be in eyes or in rollers; no rags/wave caps; no bandannas; no sweatbands or stocking caps.
- 6. No combs, rakes or picks are to be worn in the hair. Rat tail combs are not allowed.
- 7. Students will not be allowed to carry brushes or combs around in their hands. If caught, the items will be taken and given to the administration.
- 8. All pants MUST be worn around the waist.
- 9. No hats, caps, sun visors, or headgear may be worn on campus.
- 10. Knee length shorts may be worn by all students, no cut-offs or ragged jeans or shorts, no gym shorts, no short shorts Skirts must be within three inches of the knee cap.
- 11. Jeans should have **No holes above the knee**. Any holes must be knee or below.
- 12. No cut-off shirts or shirts which show midriffs.
- 13. Proper under garments must be worn at all times.
- 14. No sunglasses are to be worn on eyes or head.
- 15. No buttons with vulgar or obscene saying. No buttons with advertised drugs or alcohol.
- 16. Long pants must go to the ankles...not rolled up, stuck in shoes or socks, or bound up with rubber bands, folded up, wrapped up, or tucked up on the outside.
- 17. Students must adhere to all rules governing the dress code; students will not be allowed to attend classes dressed inappropriately. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified to pick up the child or to bring appropriate clothing to the school.
- 18. Nose rings, tongue rings, brow rings will **NOT** be acceptable. Earrings on girls will not be oversized. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings while at school. No necklaces with medallions larger than one (1) inch in diameter may be worn. No oversized clothing. No towels or bandanas, do-rags or other objects hanging from pockets.
- 19. No apparel or accessories that are considered inappropriate or distractive by the principal.

*Administration will use its discretion on whether or not student attire is appropriate.

Dress shall not be extreme to the point of creating a disturbance of the educational atmosphere.

Disciplinary actions are as follows:

1 ST Offense	Sequester in ISS until clothes are changed/call parents Letter will be sent home
2 ND Offense	Sequester in ABE after school the rest of the day Assigned to ABE next day
3 RD Offense	Follow regular disciplinary procedures (ABE 2 Full Interventions)

Girls

- 1. No miniskirts or mini-culottes. No short dresses over tights. Skirts and/or dresses must be no more than three inches above the knee. NO bare-back dresses or blouses exposing the entire back, stomach, cleavage, or undergarments. **Cleavage must be covered up and not visible.**
- 2. Dresses with slits: NO slits longer than four (4) inches above the knee.
- 3. No tank top dresses unless an acceptable shirt is worn over the dress at all times.
- 4. Sun dresses must be worn with a jacket at all times.
- 5. No spaghetti strap blouses or dresses unless an acceptable shirt is worn at all times.
- 6. No tube tops.
- 7. No sweaters, jackets, or shirts may be tied around the waist.
- 8. No writing across the buttocks or pants or shorts.
- 9. Nose rings, tongue rings, or brow rings will **NOT** be acceptable.
- 10. No stiletto high heels during the school day.
- 11. No fish net tights may be worn, or holes in pants above the knee.
- 12. No fish net tights or skin tight pants/or blue jeans may be worn to school.

Boys

- 1. No muscle shirts or tank tops. No net or mesh shirts unless a shirt with sleeves is worn underneath.
- 2. No baggy pants.
- 3. All pants must be worn at the waist. Pants must be above the buttocks and tight enough in the waist that they do not fall down and have to be constantly pulled up.
- 4. No belts should hang from pants or shorts.
- 5. No white T-shirts or under shirts worn as an outer shirt.
- 6. No rags or bandanas hanging out of pockets.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

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