

# Inverness Elementary School

## *Student Return Dress Code Policy*

As we finish the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, uniforms are strongly suggested, however there will be exceptions. Students should wear uniforms if they have them available, but must adhere to the following guidelines if they choose not to wear uniforms. The purpose of Inverness Elementary School's Student Dress Code is to provide an acceptable clearly defined dress code for students for the remainder of the current school year. The objective of the policy is to promote an atmosphere for academic success. *This policy is only in effect until June 11, 2021.*

1. Hats, hoods, scarves and sunglasses may not be worn during the school day. Any headwear worn must have a necessary function and be approved in advance by administration.
2. Hair must be combed and well-groomed.
3. Large accessories are prohibited for both boys and girls. This means large earrings for and large medallion style chains.
4. No exposed midriffs will be permitted. Shirts must cover the midriff on all sides.
5. No exposed cleavage will be permitted.
6. Straps such as those found on tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops and/or spaghetti strap tops are not permitted. Tops that expose the back or parts of undergarments, including racerback tops or similar articles, are not permitted.
7. All clothing must conceal undergarments. Shirts that reveal undergarments, whether due to the transparency, length, or lack of coverage of the shirt, are not permitted. Pants must be worn at the waist and completely cover the buttocks area. Pants may not be worn in such a way as to expose undergarments or skin around the midsection.
8. The bottom hem or edge of shorts, skirts and dresses may be no shorter than three inches above the top of the knee when standing.
9. Any article of clothing with a printed message, word, or phrase may not contain profanity, obscenity, or the promotion of any illegal activity or violence. Likewise, any article of clothing with a picture or graphic may not be obscene or promote any illegal activity or violence. Students wearing any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate, offensive or a distraction to the educational environment by a staff member will be required to change.
10. Skintight and close-fitting clothing is not permitted. Leggings, yoga pants, or similar tight pants worn alone are not permitted. Wearing leggings under shorts, skirts, or dresses is permitted if these items are the proper length.
11. No pajamas or sleepwear may be worn.
12. The length and style of accessories will be limited if they constitute a health or safety hazard or if they are harmful to the building or equipment. In both cases, the student may be required to remove the accessory.
13. Shoes must be worn. No flip flops, house shoes, or slippers are allowed. All sandals must have an ankle strap on them. Clothing containing holes, cuts, tears and/or rips that expose undergarments or skin are not permitted.

If the student does not have appropriate alternative clothing at school, it will be necessary for parents to bring appropriate attire or accompany students home to change. Repeated Dress Code infractions may result in additional consequences as noted below.

### **Consequences:**

**First Offense:** Student required to change, warning issued, and contact with parents.

**Second Offense:** Student required to change, assigned to detention or community service, phone contact with parents.

**Subsequent Offenses:** Continued violations of the dress code policy will result in further disciplinary action.