



# MANOR

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2016-2017 Student Dress Code

### Introduction/Purpose

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### Enforcement

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### Violations

If a student fails to comply with the dress code, the campus administrator will request that the student make the appropriate corrections. This may include changing into clothing provided by the school.

If the student refuses to make the appropriate corrections, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted for assistance. If both the student and parent/guardian refuse, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in more serious disciplinary action. In all cases, appropriate disciplinary action will be administered in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct.

## Dress and Grooming Guidelines

### **General Guidelines**

The following items are prohibited:

- Articles of clothing with pictures, emblems, symbols, slogans, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, contain sexual innuendoes, or cause disruption to the educational process are prohibited.
- Articles of clothing that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, controlled substances, or other prohibited substances.
- See-through attire is unacceptable unless an article of clothing is worn underneath the garment that complies with the dress code. At no time should undergarments, including bra straps, be visible.
- Torn or ripped clothing is prohibited.
- Students may not wear boxer shorts, pajamas, or other sleepwear as outerwear.
- All articles of clothing must be worn as it is designed to be worn (i.e. not backwards or inside out).

### **Shirts and Dress Tops**

- Shirts must be worn at all times while in the classroom, on school grounds, or at school-related or school-sponsored events.
- Shirts and dress tops must have a strap width of at least 2 inches each and must be worn on the shoulder. Spaghetti straps will not be permitted.
- Except as stated below, shirt length must not extend further than mid-thigh. Any shirt with a length falling below mid-thigh must be tucked in. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff, even when arms are raised over the student's head.
- Undergarments should not be visible in any manner.
- A shirt worn over leggings must meet length requirements for dresses.
- Spandex tops, leotards, and tube tops are prohibited.

### **Pants, Shorts, Capris, Skirts, Skorts, or Dresses**

- Shorts, skirts, skorts, or dresses must be no shorter than the tips of the fingers when the arms are extended by the sides of the body. The same standard applies to slits or slashes in skirts or dresses.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Pants may not sag or bag at the waist or drag on the ground.
- No baggy or sagging oversized clothing is allowed.
- No jeggings, stretch pants, or leggings may be worn unless worn under a skirt, dress, or skort that complies with the dress code.
- Spandex material, biker shorts, and cutoffs are prohibited.



### **Footwear**

- For reasons of health and safety, shoes must be worn at all times.
- The following footwear is prohibited due to health or safety concerns:
  - House shoes
  - Beach footwear
  - Flip flops
  - Roller shoes
  - Steel toe shoes
  - High heels over 2 inches
- Certain classes may require students to wear certain types of footwear. For example, athletic shoes may be required for physical education classes and closed toe shoes may be required for chemistry.

### **Hair and Head Wear**

- Hair color that is disruptive or distracting to the school environment is prohibited (i.e. colors other than natural hair colors).
- Wigs may not be worn unless there is a medical exception.
- Notching of the eyebrows is prohibited.

#### **Males:**

- Beards and goatees are prohibited unless there is a religious or medical exception. Mustaches are permitted as long as the mustache, including the sides of the mustache, does not extend below the student's bottom lip.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, visors, or other head coverings are prohibited in the classroom or school building except on approved occasions or unless there is a religious or medical exception.
- Hair curlers or hair rollers are prohibited.
- Students may not wear hair picks, combs, or brushes in their hair.

### **Jewelry and Accessories**

- Earrings are limited to the ears for all students. Earrings include clip earrings, pierced earrings or studs or any item used as a post in a pierced ear. Band-aids may not be used to cover earrings.
- Lip and nose wear (i.e. rings and studs) is prohibited.
- Tongue rings or studs are prohibited.
- Eyebrow rings or studs are prohibited.
- Certain classes or activities may necessitate the removal of piercings of any kind due to safety concerns.
- Earlobe extenders are prohibited.
- Studded and spiked jewelry (i.e. dog collars) is prohibited.
- Chokers are prohibited.



- Jewelry that causes a distraction or that could be dangerous to the student or other individuals is prohibited (i.e. necklaces made out of safety pins and chain links, large hoop earrings).
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**Coats or Winter Weather Attire**

- All winter weather attire must comply with dress code provisions.

**Exceptions to Dress Code**

Medical conditions, certain recognized religious or spiritual beliefs, and certain extracurricular activities may qualify for an exception from certain dress and grooming policies. However, any exceptions must receive prior approval from the campus administrator and be supported by appropriate documentation.

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