

## GUIDELINES FOR DRESS

We are a learning community. Our primary goal is to learn each day. The guidelines for dress are set to support that goal. Please see that your child dresses so that they are comfortable, neat, and clean and do not cause discomfort for themselves or distraction for their classmates.

If a learner could not read aloud the slogan or describe the picture on their shirt without violating BCE guidelines regarding mutual respect or causing themselves embarrassment, the shirt is not appropriate for school-wear. No writing on the backside of pants.

Jewelry, clothing, accessories depicting drugs, alcohol, sex, gang-related symbols, drug paraphernalia, violence, or profanity will not be worn.

Flip-flops should not be worn.

Shorts and skirts must be at least as long as the end of their fingertips when their arm is placed on the side of their body.

All pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. No sagging allowed.

Clothes must fit appropriately. Shirts and tops should adequately cover the mid section while engaged in school activities. If raised arms expose the midriff, the shirt should not be worn.

Tennis shoes or sneakers are required for all students participating in physical education classes.

Clothing made of see-through material is not permitted without an appropriate undershirt. Athletic jerseys must be worn with a T-shirt.

No ripped or torn clothing which exposes skin above the knee, halter-tops, or sleeveless tops with straps less than 2 inches.

No tank tops, racer-back or sleeveless shirts with large arm openings.

Leggings are not pants. They may be worn with shirts that are long enough to meet their fingertips when arms are placed at sides and loose enough to remain that way during activity.

Parents who come into our building or chaperone on field trips should exercise the same modesty we expect of our learners.

School personnel have control in defining acceptable standards of dress in areas not specifically covered or expressed by these guidelines, in order to maintain an appropriate classroom environment. If a learner comes to school in violation of the dress code, they will wait in the office while a parent is summoned to bring appropriate attire. Our goal is to keep the focus on learning.