

Elementary/Middle School DRESS CODE POLICY
(LOGO Optional – A parent may choose to not purchase logos for his/her child’s uniform)

Student Dress Code

Any apparel should be worn as designed. All students must conform to the official dress code guidelines below:

- Shirt - collared white or designated school color shirt or school spirit shirt.
- Pants/Shorts – navy or khaki. Shorts - no shorter than two inches above the top of the kneecap. (Girls may also wear skirts, skorts, and jumpers). As a guide, pants/shorts cannot be worn lower than 2” below the navel.

All schools have Mandatory School Uniforms. The principal will be the final word in interpreting the dress code.

Students shall adhere to the dress code as stipulated by the individual schools.

Absolutely no alterations intended to change school uniforms from their original design is allowed.

All students are required to wear uniforms. The administration may set rules and regulations concerning dress code for any and all special events during and after school hours.

GUIDELINES TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- Shirts must remain appropriately buttoned as determined by the administrator. Middle/high school students must wear shirts tucked in pants.
- Reasonably sized logos/labels which are not distracting are permitted.
- Pants, skirts, shorts, jumpers and skorts must be hemmed. Side slits above the knee are not permitted.
- Outerwear that does not open the length of the front by snapping, buttoning or zipping is not allowed. No head coverings are allowed inside the school building. Caps, bandannas, scarves, wave caps, sweat bands, etc. are prohibited. No curlers, combs, or picks will be worn in the hair. No glasses, other than prescription glasses, shall be worn. Items will be confiscated and returned only to a parent/guardian on request.
- White or school designated colored turtlenecks may be worn under a uniform shirt or jumper.
- Any prohibitive item, including clothing not meeting dress code, will be taken by school officials and returned to the parent or guardian.
- Transfer students will be given a reasonable time, not to exceed 1 week, to conform to dress code guidelines.
- Further rules and regulations concerning dress may be specified for special events, activities or field trips.
- Footwear must have soles and restraints for the entire foot. Backless shoes are not allowed.
- Special requirements will be placed on students in specific situations or classes for health and safety.
- Clothing and conduct that distract from and/or disrupt school operations and decorum are prohibited on the person and/or his/her belongings. This includes, but is not limited to:

⊗ Visible underwear, tank tops, halter tops	⊗ Bandannas, caps, hats, gloves, waist pouches or hoods
⊗ See-through shorts/blouses	⊗ Slogans or advertising of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
⊗ Bare shoulders, midriffs, sides and backs	⊗ Satanic cult or gang-related symbols or paraphernalia
⊗ Clothing with holes in them and frayed clothing	⊗ Profane, obscene, or sexually-oriented language
⊗ Jeans, wind pants, parachute pants, sweat pants, cargo pants/shorts and overalls	⊗ Ornate or cumbersome jewelry
⊗ Baggy, sagging or oversized clothes	⊗ Graffiti on school apparel, including, but not limited to school bags, purses, etc.
⊗ Garments that are immodestly too small	⊗ Trench coats
⊗ Clothing that is shorter than two inches above the top of the kneecap	
⊗ Sunglasses	
⊗ Leggings/biker shorts	

1. Oversize pants are **not** allowed. Pants must be worn at the waist (No sagging). Underwear shall not be visible. If a student’s underwear is visible, the student will be placed in the in-school suspension center. The parent will be called for a parental conference.
2. No cell phone pockets are allowed on pants, shorts or skorts. (Including pockets that are sewn)
3. Personal hygiene and cleanliness of dress are required of all students.
4. Hair shall be neat, clean, well groomed and not a distraction.
5. Proper undergarments should be worn at all times and may not be visible.
6. Oversize/undersize shirts are **not** allowed. Shirts and blouses are to be buttoned except for the top button and must be tucked in pants.

7. Skirts, skorts and dresses should be of reasonable length. The length must be past the finger tips. During non-uniform activity times, articles of clothing and/or accessories depicting alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, weapons, or discrimination of any type (race, sex, age, etc.) shall not be worn. No articles of clothing and/or accessories shall be worn that contain obscene, profane, sex-related or gang-related words or pictures that are determined to be offensive. The administrator will make the determination of words or pictures. Clothing should be so constructed and worn in such a manner that it is not unduly revealing. Sleeveless shirts, halter-tops, tank tops, see-through garments, cut-off tops, midriff tops, slit skirts; pants with slits, sundresses, and other garments of this nature are not acceptable.
8. ID cards may be required at certain schools.
9. Visible tattoos which are lewd, gang-related, or cause a disruption or safety concern are prohibited. Tattoos are discouraged and can result in serious, life-long health problems and or limit future career options.

Belt Buckles

Belt buckles must be plain: no name, design, symbol, jeweled, blinking, spinners, or large in size is not allowed.

Footwear

Shoes that provide sanitary protection and safety for the feet must be worn at all times.

- Preferably Black, White or Combination Black/White shoes to be worn.
- No sandals, slip on shoes, or slippers of any form will be accepted; feet must be totally enclosed/shoes with backs. Boots and ballerina slippers are not allowed.
- Preferably Solid Black or Solid White socks are to be worn.
- Shoes must be fastened and/or tied at all times.

All regulations in the dress code listed will be enforced:

1. On the school grounds during, before, or after school hours, including school busses and designated bus stops.
2. On the school grounds at any other time when any school group is using school, on busses, and at designated bus stops.
3. Off the school grounds at any school sanctioned activity, function, or event, including busses and designated bus stops.

The principal or his/her designee may authorize exceptions to the above when warranted for special activities.

Headgear

Head coverings are not allowed in school buildings. Caps, bandannas, scarves, wave caps, sweat bands, etc. are prohibited. No curlers, combs, picks will be worn in the hair. No glasses, other than prescription glasses, shall be worn. Items will be confiscated and returned only to a parent/guardian on request.

Jewelry

Students are cautioned against wearing large excessive or expensive jewelry. If jewelry causes a distraction, disruption, or a safety concern, it may be confiscated.

Money

Carrying large sums of money is discouraged and the school system will not assume responsibility for loss.

Purse

Oversize purses (as large as a school bag) are not allowed on campus and will be confiscated by an administrator and returned at the end of the day. The final determination on any purse will be made by the school principal.

1st offense – may be confiscated/see page 11

2nd offense – may be confiscated/see page 11

3rd offense – alternative to suspension