

# STUDENT APPEARANCE GUIDELINES



1. Upper apparel includes collared shirts with sleeves, crew necks/v-necks, turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks, blouses, sweaters, vests with collared shirts or turtlenecks underneath, school-team and school-building shirts or sweaters. T-shirts and sweatshirts are permitted, however t-shirts and sweatshirts with words, phrases, symbols, pictures or signs which use indecent, profane, suggestive or inflammatory words shall not be worn.  

Tail of shirts or blouses must be properly tucked into the lower garment, unless shirts are made to be worn on the outside and at or above the hip area.
2. Lower apparel includes dress slacks or shorts (no more than three (3) inches above the knee) in any color, (i.e., Dockers, corduroy and khakis). Jeans worn with a belt, or fitted at waist will be permitted as long as they are not frayed or have holes.
3. Female students may wear slacks, skirts, dresses, skorts and shorts (no more than three (3) inches above the knee).
4. Sweaters or light jackets, may be worn in the classroom as climate conditions dictate.
5. Shoes or boots must be worn. Gym shoes (tennis shoes) are permitted and must be tied.
6. Team jerseys may be worn on school "spirit" days only. "Spirit" days are to be designated at building level.
7. Team jerseys, school specific apparel, including athletic uniform, cheerleading, pompon, band and co-curricular clubs (i.e., YES Club, Robotics, Debate Clubs, etc.) may be worn on event day. Cheerleaders and Pompon must wear pants underneath. Anyone can wear school apparel to support team/club event day.
8. School team jackets are acceptable, to and from school, but not in the classroom.
9. Students are prohibited from wearing hair curlers, hairnets, roller pins, bandanas, sweatbands or other hair grooming aids. Students should maintain a neat appearance.
10. In order to maintain a positive climate, students shall not wear suggestive or revealing attire that would divert attention from the learning process. Sagging or low-rider pants or skirts are not allowed. This applies to tight or baggy, oversized items of clothing as well. Students should always present a decent appearance.
11. Proper grooming prohibits undershirts, pajamas, and other loungewear, worn as outer garments.
12. Common decency requires that shirts and blouses tied at midriff, plunging necklines (front or back), tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, strapless or sheer, see through and sleeveless garments, or any items of clothing that reveal bare midriff which does not contribute to a positive learning environment and can be a distractive force shall not be worn.
13. For reasons concerning personal hygiene, grooming, and decency, gym shirts and shorts worn in the physical education program, shall not be worn to other classes.

14. For the safety of the wearer or their fellow students, any jewelry that is overly "flashy" and/or has the potential to be used as a weapon or dangerous instrument shall not be worn by students at school.
15. Any clothing, jewelry, symbols or other objects that may reasonably be perceived by a staff member as evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang or detracts from a positive school climate shall not be worn.
16. For safety purposes, slippers, house shoes, flip-flops and other footwear judged by the principal as inappropriate shall not be worn.
17. Students shall not wear sunglasses or dark glasses in the school building unless a medical permit is on file in the principal's office.
18. Clothing that has large pockets (i.e., cargo pants, patterned accessories, camouflage-colored), which may conceal weapons or dangerous instruments and/or has the potential to produce aggressive behavior shall not be worn.
19. In order to maintain a positive school climate, students may not wear clothing, jewelry, buttons, patches, belts or accessories with messages and/or symbols that are disrespectful (rude, slur, put down), offensive (unpleasant, crude, provocative, attacking, disgusting, hostile) and/or distracting (attracting attention that interferes with learning and teaching).
20. Headgear of any kind, including hats, caps, sweatbands, scarves, do-rags, stocking caps, bandanas, and baseball caps should be removed upon entering the school building. All headgear should be stored in the students' locker during regular school hours. Students with a medical statement or religious documentation may be exempt.
21. For safety reasons, outer clothing designed for outdoor wear shall not be worn inside the school building or carried to and from classes (i.e. coats, jackets, overcoats, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, earmuffs).
22. Student ID's must be visible and worn at or above the waist at all times.

Building administrators will have discretionary authority to determine acceptable or non-acceptable attire for medical or other health related reasons.

**Advice For Parents:** If your child comes to school wearing expensive clothing (i.e., shoes, jerseys, leather jackets, etc.), the school will bear no responsibility for replacement of the lost/stolen item.

Students violating these guidelines shall be subject to disciplinary action according to School District Student Code of Conduct.

**Guidelines are based on Board of Education Policy No. 8240 "Student Appearance Policy," which were presented to and received by the Board of Education on November 9, 2005.**