

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

It is generally accepted that the dress of students contributes toward their general behavior and attitude. The school has an obligation to encourage the proper standards of dress among students. Students are encouraged to take pride in their appearance as well as having respect for those around them.

Students should dress in a manner that reflects appropriateness, cleanliness and safety within the classroom and at school activities. Good taste and common sense should prevail. In addition, School Board regulations prohibit pupil dress or grooming practices that are hazardous to health or safety, materially interfere with schoolwork, prevent the student from achieving his/her educational objectives, create disorder or disrupt the educational program, advocate illegal or unhealthy behavior, and/or contain inappropriate words or pictures.

Specific Requirements:

1. Footwear must be worn at all times.
2. Clothing with a message, picture or symbol promoting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual connotation, violence or other inappropriate messages/advertisements or clothing apparel and/or accessories that may be considered as gang-related is prohibited.
3. Anti-religious, anti-racial or obscene dress is prohibited.
4. Bare midriff shirts/blouses, immodest or revealing blouses, excessively short skirts, shorts and low-cut tops, halters, tube tops, tops with open backs are unacceptable.
5. "See-through" clothing not permitted.
6. Undergarments may not be visible.
7. Costumes, unless prescribed for special occasions, are prohibited.
8. Inappropriately torn clothing is unacceptable.
9. Hats should not be worn in labs for safety reasons. (In regular classes hats should not be worn if the teacher determines that wearing a hat disrupts class instruction.)
10. Wearing hoods from sweatshirts or coats within the building is prohibited.
11. Dark eyeglasses may only be worn inside the building as a medical necessity.

In addition to the specific requirements listed above, the administration reserves the right to declare individual dress unacceptable. Students are expected to courteously cooperate when asked to comply with the dress code. Violation of the dress code may result in disciplinary action. Students may be sent home with parental notification to change/adjust/alter clothing so they are in compliance with the dress code.