

## Dress Code

The educational atmosphere in the school is affected by what students wear. Appropriate clothing for students contributes to appropriate student behavior. Articles of clothing or jewelry which distract from the educational process or present a health or safety hazard are not permitted and are inappropriate in an educational setting. Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, extracurricular activities or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student. Students have the responsibility to keep themselves, their clothes and their hair clean.

### **These items are permitted:**

- Shirts: shirts with collars (including golf style, button down) turtlenecks, and t-shirts (long or short sleeve), sweaters, and jerseys. All shirts must completely cover the torso from the waistline to the collar bone.
- Bottoms: **jeans**, khakis, dress pants, shorts, athletic pants or shorts, sweatpants, and skirts, all worn at the waistline, that do not expose undergarments, and extend to the tip of the student's finger when arms are extended and student is walking. Leggings are permitted but must be worn under approved shorts, skirts, or dresses.
- Closed toe shoes only – footwear must be worn at all times and fully attached to the foot.
- Zip-ups and hooded sweatshirts are permitted as long as they do not cover the head. Students' heads must be uncovered when they are inside the school building and throughout the instructional day. **Students who do not follow this rule will lose the privilege of wearing a hooded sweatshirt in the school setting.**

### **These items are not permitted:**

- Shirts: cut-offs, midriffs, tank tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, half shirts, or halter tops.
- Clothing or accessories that display sexually suggestive writing or images, obscene language, or which promote tobacco, alcohol products, illegal substances (including drug paraphernalia), or statements of hate, prejudice, bigotry, or sexism. This includes suggestive printing on clothing that can be interpreted with a double meaning, uses disrespectful language or suggests gang affiliation or activities.
- Clothing or accessories depicting weapons or violence
- Clothing that is sheer or see-through
- Outdoor jackets or coats
- Bottoms: ripped jeans, cargo style pants or shorts, yoga pants, leggings (as pants), pajamas, items not worn at the waist or showing undergarments, shorts / skirts not at the length stated above
- Shoes: flip-flops, open-toed shoes, slides, sandals, slippers
- Piercings: Pencils, open gauges, rods, or similar objects are not permitted.
- Headwear: Hats, bandanas, scarves, sunglasses, hoods, and visors, *except* for religious beliefs and chronic health conditions

**\*\*Dress code violations will require a change of clothing, in some instances they may require removal from class or removal from school. Students may call home for proper clothing. Administrators reserve the right to determine appropriate attire and dress code compliance.\*\***