

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

There is a strong connection between a student's appearance, conduct, and academic performance; therefore, a dress code has been established to promote a positive school environment. Clothing worn to school and at school activities on or off campus should be comfortable and casual, reflecting good taste and a sense of modesty, while allowing the freedom desired by students to express themselves.

All Clothing and Accessories will:

- be clean and neat; be free of tears or fraying (even when manufactured as such)
- be the appropriate size (not skin tight or too large) and able to cover all undergarments so they are not visible
- be modest by appropriately covering the chest, under arm, abdomen, upper leg, back, and buttocks. (Students should self-check at home by sitting, bending, and standing upright.)
- be free of the display of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or look alikes; sexual, violent or gang-related representations; political, anti-social or social protest messages/actions; and any disrespectful, derogatory, profane, vulgar, and/or bigotry displayed toward any group or person
- be of a nature that would not interfere with the educational process or present a health or safety hazard
- include visibly wearing around the neck the school ID using the appropriate grade level lanyard

T-shirts, Shirts, Blouses, Dresses, Jumpers, and Rompers will:

- follow the all clothing parameters
- have shoulders covered with at least 2 inch wide straps on both shoulders
- be worn with outerwear (like a shrug, sweater, or jacket) if straps are smaller than two inches wide (muscle tees, halter tops, single shouldered, or strapless garments are never in dress code, even if covered)
- include dresses, jumpers, and rompers that will be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side

Bottoms will:

- follow the all clothing parameters
- be acceptable as skirts, pants, shorts, athletic shorts, sweatpants, or overalls (lycra and spandex style clothing such as athletic shorts/skirts/workout pants, or yoga style shorts/pants are not in dress code)
- be pulled up and snug above the hips (except overalls)
- include skirts that will be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side
- include shorts that have a minimum of a four inch inseam
- include tights and leggings only if worn under shorts, dresses, or skirts (tights or leggings with a top shorter than dress length is not in dress code)
- not be pajamas

Footwear will:

- be worn at all times with heels no higher than 2.5" (slippers are not in dress code)

Headwear and Sunglasses will:

- be worn outside and not in the classroom/buildings (including but not limited to ball caps, berets, beanies, bandanas, kerchiefs, and the hood of hoodies)

Overall Appearance will:

- include neat and clean hair worn in hairstyles and colors not disruptive to the learning environment
- have makeup kept to a minimum reflecting natural skin colors
- allow for piercings that are limited to the ears and are a maximum size of a 2 g gauge
- require any piercings beyond the ear to be removed or maintained with a flesh tone plug
- not include tattoos or body art

Physical Education Clothing:

- not conflict with any of the above guidelines, unless exempted by a PE teacher for a particular class or activity
- must be clothes changed into and worn only during physical education class
- must include athletic shorts/pants or sweatpants that meet the expectations and a short or long sleeved t-shirt
- footwear must be appropriate tennis shoes with non-marking rubber soles, fastened tightly at all times
- no jewelry allowed due to safety issues