

## DRESS CODE

The Board and administration recognize the importance of personal rights and privileges of each individual student in the school system. However, the Board equally recognizes that individual rights stop where the rights of the group (the school) begin and no student/employee has the right to dress or appear in such manner that is disruptive to the teaching-learning process.

The Board strongly believes it is the responsibility of students and parents/guardians/custodians to use reason, good judgment, and common sense in the choice of dress and physical grooming in the school setting.

Therefore, the following dress and appearance standards are applicable in all schools of the School District. Local school personnel are expected to enforce the standards with firmness and fairness in an effort to foster the orderly operation of the schools. The standards are as follows:

- Clothing should not be excessively soiled, torn, or ragged.
- Clothing must be worn in the manner that it was designed to be worn (e.g. clothing may not be worn backward, inside-out, or undone).
- Students must wear shoes or sandals at all times. Shoes which mark or damage floors will not be permitted. No roller, or skate shoes are allowed. (House slippers are prohibited).
- Clothing should not be excessively revealing. Prohibited items may include midriff shirts, tube tops, spandex, mesh, sheer, fishnet garments, backless tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter tops, or pajamas. Gym shorts, spandex/bike shorts and other similar type shorts are prohibited. Under garments shall not be visible at any time.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts should not be shorter than a credit card's length above the knee (3")
- Straps on sleeveless tops should be at least a credit card's width (2")
- Shirts with sleeves cut away, drooping armholes, or that expose a large area under the arm are prohibited unless worn with an undershirt.
- Leggings, tights, and yoga-style pants may be worn as long as the student's backside/bottom area is completely covered.
- Mesh items may be permitted if the clothing underneath meets dress code.
- Students shall not wear pants/shorts that, when fastened, sag, are baggy, or fit below the waist (not sagging or revealing the student's underwear). All pants/shorts must fit around

the waist and be properly fastened and should not have holes higher than 3" above the knee revealing skin or body.

- Lounge/pajama clothes are not to be worn in school. With administrative approval, special clothing days may be allowed.

- Dark glasses may be worn in the school building only when required by a doctor's prescription.

- Body piercings shall be limited to the ears and nose rings only. Tongue rings, lip pins, or other similar items are prohibited. Teeth ornaments, otherwise known as grillz, or other similar items are prohibited on campus during the regular school day or partial school day.

- Clothing shall not display writing or symbols deemed by a school administrator as vulgar/profane, offensive, sexually suggestive, gang related, violent/threatening, or that advertises tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.

Students shall not wear hats, caps, hoods, athletic headbands, combs, picks, toboggans, bandannas, scarves, or other similar items that cover the student's head while inside the school building(s) except for a medical purpose. With administrative approval special cap or hat days may be held.

- Bandanas are not to be brought to school. Any paraphernalia that can/does denote gang affiliation shall not be worn.

- When dress or appearance of an individual student disrupts the orderly teaching learning process or is unsafe, the principal has the authority to take disciplinary action.

- Garments or accessories that have chains, spikes, or any other potentially dangerous attachments are not allowed.

The building principal will make the final determination as to whether or not student apparel is compliant with the dress code. Student and parent cooperation is expected and appreciated. The administration reserves the right to address individual instances of inappropriate dress or grooming that are not covered by these guidelines. Any classes missed due to a dress code violation will be unexcused.

## **DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS**

Students who come to school in clothing that is not within the dress code will be given opportunity to call parents to bring an item that is within the dress code. If the student is unable to reach the parent or the parent is unable to bring a change to the school, the student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day on the first offense. On the second offense or more, within the same school year, the student will be placed on out-of-school suspension for a minimum of one day.

## **INTERMEDIATE OFFENSES - CLASS II**

2.01 Defiance of Board employee's authority Any refusal to comply with a lawful and reasonable directive or order of a Board employee, or violation of any local school or Board system-wide policy.

2.02 Possession, control, or use of tobacco products The possession, control or use of any tobacco products, including VAPES while under school jurisdiction whether on campus or at a school function off campus.

2.03 Battery upon students The actual and intentional pushing or striking another student against the will of the other person(s), or the intentional causing of bodily harm to an individual.

2.04 Vandalism Intentional and deliberate action resulting in damages of a value of less than \$200, to public property or the real or personal property of another.

2.05 Stealing - Larceny - Petty Theft The intentional, unlawful taking and/or carrying away of public or privately owned personal property valued at less than \$100.00 belonging to or in the lawful possession or custody of another.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSES TO CLASS II OFFENSES**

May include but are not limited to the following:

- Parent contact(s)/conference(s)
- Corporal punishment
- Assignment to in-school suspension, Saturday school, or C.L.A.S.S., Out-of-school suspension
- For unintentional violation of electronic communication device infraction or violation of acceptable use policy, the following shall apply: