

## **DRESS CODE**

In keeping with the policies of propriety, a student should take pride in his/her appearance and dress appropriately for school. A student dress code is necessary to maintain a school atmosphere that supports and encourages learning. Dress that draws an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student or causes divisiveness are considered inappropriate for school and are a violation of the dress code. The dress of any student must not interfere with the educational process in any way. Non-conformity to the dress code is a Class I offense and will be treated as such. In addition, students will be asked to come into compliance with the dress code immediately. Parents will be contacted and may be asked to furnish appropriate clothing. Students should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. All clothing must cover undergarments and midriff at all times and should cover the body in an appropriate manner.
2. Baseball caps, hats, and sunglasses are not to be worn at any time in the school building.
3. Clothing and/or personal items bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, sexual activity, violence, or any other wording, drawing, or picture that in any way is questionable or can be reasonably interpreted as inappropriate are prohibited.
4. Clothing or personal items, or visible references which identify a student as associated with a gang, unapproved social clubs, or any subversive, unlawful, or unauthorized organization are prohibited.
5. Shoes must be worn.
6. Any type of clothing or attire which represents trends or groups that are counter to the accomplishment of our purposes or could be disruptive to the learning environment will be prohibited.
7. With the approval of the principal, activity sponsors may establish different rules for dress for special occasions during the school day or extracurricular events.

***THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE SHALL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING ACCEPTABLE OR UNACCEPTABLE DRESS.***

## **TEACHER INTERVENTION**

Each teacher will deal with classroom disruptions by communicating concerns to parents and by taking in-class disciplinary action. Teachers will contact parents or guardians by making a personal call when feasible, and/or by scheduling conferences. After parent contact is made, teachers may retain students after school and provide other outside-of-class disciplinary measures as deemed appropriate by the principal. Only when the action taken by the teacher is ineffective, or the misconduct is serious, should the student be referred to the principal. Failure to bring notebook, pencil, books or required materials and equipment to class, failure to do homework or failure to do work in class are not causes for disciplinary referrals; however, defiance of a teacher in regard to these areas is cause for disciplinary referral. Parents and