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### CHAPTER III DRESS CODE

School is a place of business and students should dress accordingly. Students are expected to maintain the highest possible standard of personal hygiene. This includes personal cleanliness (for example, daily bath and oral hygiene) as well as wearing neat and clean clothes. Students are also expected to choose their clothes in good taste, wearing only those clothes which are appropriate for the educational environment.

All students are expected to comply with the Dress Code. For compelling reason, such as medical requirements, the principal or Superintendent, may, at their discretion, review an individual situation to determine whether a modification of a provision is required for the health and safety of a particular student or other compelling reasons.

The School Administration will judge the appropriateness of any “fad” or questionable article of apparel. Special consideration will be given for elementary students as defined in the schools student handbook.

#### A. HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Shoes must be worn. Flip flops are not allowed.
2. Shoe laces must be tied securely.
3. Jewelry that creates a hazardous condition shall not be worn. (Studded bracelets etc.)
4. Students will not wear dark glasses inside the school building, unless required to do so for medical reasons pursuant to doctor’s written orders.
5. Body piercing jewelry is restricted to ears only for boys and girls.
6. Hair should be clean and out of the student’s eyes. Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate. Extreme styles as determined by the Administration will not be allowed. By definition, extreme styles may be mohawks, names, letters, or numbers cut in hair or extreme styles as determined by the Administration. Male students with facial hair must keep it neat and well groomed. Students will be given until the next school day to comply with the hairstyle provisions of the Dress Code before disciplinary action will be taken, unless disruptive behavior resulting from the hairstyle requires immediate action.

#### B. COMMON COURTESY

1. No hats or caps in the building unless they are a part of an ROTC uniform. No bandannas or head coverings will be worn.
2. No unbuckled belts will be allowed.

#### C. DRESS vs. COSTUME

1. No halter tops, tank tops, togas, hospital gowns, pajama outfits, bedroom slippers, etc. will be allowed.
2. No costumes allowed except when approved as a school sponsored activity.

#### D. DECENCY AND MODESTY

1. No see-through shirts, blouses, or pants; no clothes that bare the midriff, sides or shoulders. All shirt/tops with no collar, polos, or shirts with tails must be tucked in. Jerseys and blouses may be worn untucked provided they are no longer than three inches below the waist.
2. No decals, slogans, or sayings on clothes that contain references to illegal or immoral behaviors. Decals, slogans, or sayings that advertise alcohol, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco products are not allowed.
3. No lewd or vulgar sayings on clothing will be allowed.
4. No hot pants, or scooter skirts will be allowed.
5. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be longer than middle thigh. Slits in shorts, skirts, and dresses must remain below middle thigh.
6. Pants must be worn securely above the hips.
7. Boys or girls will not be allowed to wear sleeveless shirts or dresses in grades 6-12.
8. Proper undergarments must be worn with all clothing.
9. Jogging pants/wind suits are allowed as long as they are loose fitting.
10. Clothing shall not be so tight or so loose as to be overly revealing.
11. Overalls must be worn with the straps buckled over the shoulders, with the sides buttoned up.

Any student who fails to dress appropriately will not be allowed to attend class until proper clothes can be secured. If necessary, parents will be called to bring clothes to school. Until proper clothing can be secured, the student will be referred to In-School Suspension and will be responsible for all classwork missed. Nonconformity to the dress code is a Class I offense of the *Code of Student Conduct*.