

## **DRESS CODE**

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems and improve school order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. In this case there shall be no further penalty.

If the students cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and the administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. On the second offense, the student shall remain in the administrative office for the day and do schoolwork and a conference with parents/guardians shall be held. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action as outlined in the school discipline code.

### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

**The following items are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:**

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length. Inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing, e.g., midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tees, etc. that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts.
2. No sunglasses.
3. Shoes are required at all times.
4. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
  - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
  - Are of sexual nature
  - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
  - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
  - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
  - Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
  - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process