

## STUDENT APPEARANCE

Students should not wear clothing or hair styles that can be hazardous to them in their school activities, nor which prevent students from doing their best work because of blocked vision or restricted movement, nor that creates, or are likely to create, a disturbance of the educational process. Some type of protective footwear must be worn. Students wearing inappropriate clothing, as determined by school personnel, will be asked to change and/or disciplined appropriately.

Specific dress code rules are as follows:

- A. No bike shorts or similar shorts as the only clothing covering the lower body;
- B. No tight shorts, short shorts, short skirts, leggings, jeggings, tights, or stretch stirrup pants (unless worn under a skirt or dress or other clothing) which reveal in a noticeable degree and in a disruptive fashion the outline and/or the movement of the buttocks, or other parts of the anatomy including female breasts and genitalia;
- C. No shorts, skirts, and dresses that are shorter than finger-tip length when arms are fully extended at sides;
- D. No sagging pants or shorts. Pants or shorts are to be worn at or above the waist. Long shirts over sagging pants do NOT meet this requirement;
- E. No shirts or clothing which only partially cover the upper body, such as open mesh, net weave, tank tops, halters; no clothing that exposes cleavage;
- F. No clothing or other paraphernalia that appear to be gang related. Criminal Gang defined per I.C. 35-45-9-1 means a group with at least three (3) members that specifically:
  - 1) either:
    - a. promotes, sponsors, or assists in; or
    - b. participates in; or
  - 2) requires as a condition of membership or continued membership; the commission of a felony or act that would be a felony if committed by an adult  
or the offense of battery;
- G. No hats or head coverings worn in the building;
- H. No sunglasses worn in the building;
- I. No clothing bearing suggestive comments, promoting or advocating the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other conduct prohibited by student code;
- J. No clothing with holes or tears;
- K. No coats, jackets, hoodies with lining, or other items intended to be worn as outerwear in the building;
- L. No book bags or purses large enough to contain books in classrooms;
- M. No loungewear, sleepwear, or house slippers;
- N. No large chains and spike jewelry (bracelets, chokers, etc.);
- O. No facial painting except where approved by the principal for school spirit days.

School personnel reserve the right to determine what is considered inappropriate or disruptive to the educational process.

**Penalties for violation of the dress code are as follows:**

**A referral to the office will be completed for each dress code violation.**

**First Violation:**

- § Student will be asked to correct inappropriate appearance.
- § If the inappropriate dress cannot be easily corrected, the parent will be asked to bring a change of clothing to school.
- § If none of the above steps are possible, the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the day.

**Second Violation:**

- § Parent will be notified, and the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the day.

**Third Violation:**

- § Parent will be notified, and the student will be sent home from school with a one-day out-of-school suspension.

**Fourth and Subsequent Violations:**

- § Parent will be notified and the student will be sent home with a three-day out-of-school suspension or, if it is the student's second or more multiple day suspension of three or more days, the student will receive a three-day assignment to the Priority Suspension School.