

Elementary and Middle School Dress Code Policy for 2014-2015

The dress code policy was enacted as a means to reduce conflicts stemming from socio-economic status (ie: conflicts and comments about who has better clothing). It was intended to enhance the unity and equality of all students at our school.

Please note: Student dress and personal grooming are primarily the responsibility of the student and parents.

Guidelines for appropriate dress for the 2014-15 school year are as follows:

1. Students may wear clothing of any color or pattern that is not distracting.
2. **NOT ALLOWED: words, images of fictional characters, drugs, alcohol, or anything intimidating or offensive (including skulls).**
3. The hem or slit of shorts, skirts or dresses may **not be shorter than 2 ½ inches above the knee** (use a dollar bill as your measure). Students may wear leggings under garments shorter than what is acceptable. Leggings may not be worn without an outer garment. (shorts or skirt)
4. Students may not wear midriff shirts, halter-tops, backless garments, or undergarments (such as boxers) as outer garments. Under garments should not be visible.
5. The shoulder **width of sleeveless tops or dresses must be at least 2 ½ inches.**
6. Students may not wear outer garments made of spandex-like material, see through clothing, torn clothing, clothing with holes in it, cut-offs, pocket chains, or oversized pants, shorts or shirts.
7. The waistband of shorts, skirts and similar garments shall not be worn below the waist or in such a manner as to expose undergarments or abdomen. All waistbands must be secured and remain at the waist.
8. Belts, suspenders and overall straps shall be worn in place and fastened.
9. Head covers are not to be worn inside buildings unless a doctor or the school administration grants permission.
10. Students may not color their hair with unnatural color.
11. Jewelry and accessories should be simple and not cause a distraction. Teachers will decide when these items are a distraction.
12. **P.E./Playtime:** Appropriate shoes and clothing must be worn. Students playing on the courts must wear flat, closed toe, closed back shoes. Shoes should securely fasten to the feet. Beach shoes, flip-flops, and house shoes/slippers create safety hazards. **Students wearing any of these shoes may not be on the courts and must refrain from running or climbing on equipment and may not participate in P.E., Tennis, Physical Fitness, or play time.**

Teachers will determine when attire is unacceptable—all decisions are final.