

## OHS DRESS CODE POLICY

The school recognizes that the primary responsibility for a student's dress and grooming rest with the parents. The dress code policy is established according to the following guidelines.

1. To help students to understand the need to respect standards of society.
2. To ensure that clothing worn by students is free of safety hazards.
3. To ensure that students wear clothing or accessories to school that do not present an inappropriate public display or disrupt the educational process.

I. In general, dress and grooming should be appropriate for school. It should, at all times, be governed by safety, good sense, good taste, cleanliness, and be non-disruptive to the scheduled daily routine.

II. Items of dress or appearance that are prohibited:

1. No plunging necklines or exposed cleavage
2. No tops that bare the midriff
3. No sleeveless shirts for males or females
4. No pajama bottoms
5. No cut-off, torn, or ripped garments above the knee exposing skin.
6. No extremely short skirts or shorts – must be at the end of fingertips
7. Undergarments should not be visible
8. Shoes must be worn at all times – no slippers
9. Coats are not to be worn during the school day
10. No non-prescription sunglasses
11. No visible piercing of body parts, other than ears/nose, will be permitted. Nose piercings may only be a low, stud, flat nostril piercings. *(The administration reserves the right for final approval of all piercings)*
12. Clothing may not promote/advertise drugs, alcohol, or any illegal or unhealthy activity, etc.
13. Hats/caps and other head coverings (hoods, visors, and bandannas) may not be worn in the building. Hats are to be kept in the lockers and not to be carried from class to class. This rule applies to both male and female students. Staff should be able to make eye contact with students, therefore hair must be out of face.
14. Pants/shorts must be worn at the waist area. The waist area is defined as the area above the hips and immediately below the ribs. Sagging pants / shorts must be belted and worn at waist area.
15. Any dress/appearance deemed inappropriate, distracting or in poor taste by the administration shall be prohibited.

III. Consequences

**A first violation may result in:**

- a. Change inappropriate attire/contact parent to bring in appropriate clothing.
- b. Further actions may be taken if situation is not corrected.

**Any additional violations:**

- a. 1-3 Friday School detentions and/or out-of-school suspension(s)/expulsion.