

# Warm Weather Dress Code

## *Gaines Elementary School*



Warm weather always brings questions about what clothing is appropriate for school. When establishing a dress code we consider the following: (1) what is safe clothing, (2) what is healthy clothing, and (3) what is appropriate and not offensive to other students, staff, and parents.

Here's our dress code for warm weather days:

- Hats are not to be worn in school but are appropriate for outside. Bandanas are also prohibited in the building, even on the girls.
- Tank tops are permitted. Spaghetti strap tank tops are not. If a student wears a spaghetti strap tank top, there should be another shirt or top underneath (if it's a tank top, it needs to have 2" wide straps).
- Tank tops are not allowed if the arm holes are gaping or large.
- Bare midribs are not allowed ("belly shirts"). This means that a student's tummy should not be visible.
- Occasionally, a student will wear a "belly shirt" or very short shorts to school. In that case, we will offer clean clothes from our closet or call a parent to bring a change of clothes to school.
- Shorts are permissible in school. However, they should not be "short shorts". Here's a general rule to follow; shorts should be fingertip length (when the student hangs his/her arms at his/her side, the shorts should reach the fingertips).
- Sandals are okay in school. Socks need not be worn, However, if a student does not wear socks, he/she must keep shoes or sandals on at the playground.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. As my mother always told me, "when in doubt, don't do it".

Thank you,  
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