

## **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

A student's personal appearance is most important since it represents him/her as an individual to other students and faculty. Cleanliness, modesty, safety, and appropriateness are the standards that should be observed by all students in their personal guidelines when making decisions on appropriate dress for school.

### **1. Hair should be cleaned and neatly groomed. Vision must not be obstructed. Eyes must be clearly visible**

Hair color must be of a naturally occurring color and/or color pattern in the human genome. Extreme styles, as determined by school authorities, that might tend to disrupt normal school procedures will not be allowed.

### **2. The student's body and clothing are expected to be clean.**

**3.** All students are required to wear appropriate shirt/blouse and pants/shorts or skirt. Appropriate footwear is required at all times.

**a.** Clothing exhibiting risqué, obscene, vulgar and/or suggestive slogans, language, or designs will not be permitted.

**b.** Print and/or graphics pertaining to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products will not be permitted on apparel, jewelry, accessories, or paraphernalia.

**c.** Shirts shall be collared polo style, collared button-down, t-shirts, sweaters or turtlenecks. Sleeveless blouses and shirts are permitted for females when worn with the appropriate undergarments, and straps must be no less than 3" in width. (Tank tops, strapless blouses, spaghetti straps, and halter-tops are prohibited.)

**d.** "Colors" or other attire that serves as identification of groups or organizations not affiliated with, or approved by, the school are not permitted. Prohibited items may include, but are not limited to, bandanas, headbands, neckbands, arm or leg bands, and clothing with particular logos. The principal may announce specific prohibited items as the need arises.

**e. Pants shall be worn at appropriate body size.**

**f.** All skirts or dresses may be worn if the length is to the top of the kneecap, with slits no more than 4" above the kneecap. Dresses may be sleeveless (see shirt guidelines).

**g.** Shorts must extend to the end of the student's fingertips when arms are extended toward the ground.

**h. Males are prohibited from having facial hair.**

- i. Males are prohibited from wearing earrings or ear studs. For female students, any/all earrings must be worn in equal numbers with no more than two per ear.
  - j. No visible body piercing will be permitted. Tongue studs are prohibited.
  - k. Tattoos of any kind are discouraged. School officials may require that tattoos be covered. Writing on yourself, others and clothing is prohibited.
  - l. See-through attire will not be permitted without appropriate undergarment (for example – with a camisole).
  - m. Hats and caps are not to be worn inside the building.
  - n. Colored/tinted glasses are not to be worn in school buildings unless prescribed by a doctor for inside wear.
  - o. Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times, but must not be visible.
  - p. Loose fitting or low cut shirts/blouses must have a T-shirt worn underneath.
  - q. Shirt length should be appropriate to size with the midriff fully covered at all times.
  - r. Skin-tight apparel may be considered inappropriate. If worn, it should be covered by loose fitting attire, which conforms to all other guidelines in this code (for example – tights can be worn with fingertip length shorts or a fingertip length shirt over the top).
  - s. Baggy or saggy pants or shorts are prohibited.
  - t. Lounge, undershirts, or pajama style clothing of any type are prohibited.
  - u. Spikes and chains of any type (includes wallet chains) are prohibited.
  - v. Extreme styles, as determined by school officials, will be prohibited.
  - w. Pants/clothing which is excessively altered, slit, worn, frayed, or contains holes above the mandatory short length is not allowed.
4. Students must be in dress code compliance to attend class.
  5. The principal may designate “Special days” on which special dress is permitted.
  6. The Administration, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. These special regulations may exceed the standard dress code policies in order to maintain the organization’s specific standards or to promote school spirit. Continued participation will be contingent upon compliance with these standards.
- The final decision regarding acceptable attire and grooming of students in the school environment rests with school officials. “One simple guideline to follow is that if a student questions whether the apparel is acceptable, he or she should not wear it to school.” It is the sincere hope of the school that the appearance and dress of each student will be of such a nature that it will be a credit to the student, to his/her family, and to the school.