Students are expected to be clean, neat and appropriately dressed at all times. A student is expected to exercise good judgment in his/her choice of dress, making sure that it is appropriate for school. Clothing, hair styles, make-up, etc. must not be a distraction to the learning of the individual or others, immodest, inflammatory or offensive, or pose a safety hazard. The determination as to the appropriateness of any item will be made by the faculty and administration, but the following guidelines should be followed.

- All items of clothing should be clean and appropriate for school. They should not be too tight, improperly revealing or allow undergarments to be seen. Leggings worn as pants are not acceptable.
- Garments, jewelry, or articles of clothing should not display emblems related to alcohol, illegal or abusive substances, gangs, violence, sex, or obscenities. Clothing must be free of words or symbols that are offensive or demeaning to others. This guideline applies to clothing worn at any school function.
- Shorts, pants, and skirts worn at school must extend two inches beyond the student’s fingertips when his/her hands are held to the side. Splits in skirts must also follow the fingertip rule. Running shorts, short shorts, tennis shorts, running tights, spandex shorts are not to be worn at school. The wearing of leggings or other similar attire does not provide for an exception to the length requirement of pants, shorts or skirts.
- Shirts that expose cleavage, undergarments, bare midriffs or bare backs, shirts with sides out and strapless shirts are not allowed. The width of the strap over the shoulder must be at least three adult fingers across. Low-cut, revealing clothing or oversized shirts are not allowed.
- Shorts, pants, and skirts must be worn at waist/pelvis level. Clothing should be properly fitted to prevent sagging of pants or shorts.
- Pants should not extend below the heel of the shoe. Sagging, extremely baggy or wide pant legs, which present a safety hazard, are not to be worn at school. Belts are not required, but if worn, must be in the loops and end tucked in.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, goggles, hair picks or other head coverings may not be worn at school.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and should be appropriate for school activities. Stiletto heels and other footwear similar in description are not allowed.
- Sleepwear, including bedroom shoes/slippers, will not be permitted at school.
- Long chains with heavy medallions or pocket chains are not allowed.
- Any other attire deemed to be indecent, inappropriate or disruptive to the school learning environment will be addressed by school administrators on an as-needed basis.
- Current school-issued identification badges are required for all students in grades six through 12. IDs should be visibly worn on a lanyard around the neck. IDs should not be defaced in any manner. Exceptions to this rule may be made for safety reasons when deemed appropriate by a teacher of administrator.
Certain school environments or classes may require more restrictive dress due to safety issues, i.e. Career/ Technical classes, science labs, physical education. Students are expected to comply with safety guidelines. Student dress and appearance are the responsibility of the student and the parent. The dress code will be enforced on a daily basis by all teachers. An administrator or other school district employee will conference with students who report to school inappropriately dressed. In some cases, parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing to the school and/or the student may not be permitted in class until appropriately attired.

School-wide exceptions may be made to this policy for such special events as "hat days" or "spirit days." The school principal and/or designee will make the final determination on whether a student's dress conflicts with these guidelines. Other exceptions to this rule could be made by the administration based on student's medical condition.

Dress attire in individual schools may vary based on grade and age appropriateness. Additional guidelines to this policy would be stipulated in an addendum in the school's handbook.

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