

DRESS CODE

The Board of Education has determined that reasonable regulation of school attire can contribute to a positive learning environment in the following manner:

- (1) Reducing distraction and minimizing disruption in the classroom.
- (2) Providing an environment where students can focus on learning.
- (3) Creating an atmosphere reflecting the seriousness of purpose about education.
- (4) Reflecting a level of respect one has for oneself, one's peers and respect for one's school.
- (5) Creating a greater sense of community amongst the students.
- (6) Preparing students for future roles as responsible members of the community.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their children's' dress conforms to the requirements set forth below. The health, safety, and education of the child must be the concern of every parent/legal guardian. It is the recommendation of professional school personnel that parents/guardians hold their children to the highest standards in regard to school attire.

Mandatory Dress Code Policy, Elementary and Middle Schools:

1. BOYS:

- a. Pants or shorts in solid navy blue, white, gray, black or khaki; worn completely covering undergarments and no more than three inches above the knee.
- b. Tops in solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki; button down, pullover, or turtleneck style with long or short sleeves and a collar.

2. GIRLS:

- a. Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, or jumpers in solid navy blue, white, gray, black or khaki; worn completely covering undergarments and no more than three inches above knee. Note: Leggings, stockings or other stretch/form fitting leg coverings may only be worn under shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses or jumpers.
- b. Tops in solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki; button down, pullover, or turtleneck style with long or short sleeves and a collar; worn completely covering undergarments, cleavage and midriffs.

3. ALL STUDENTS:

- a. Optional solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki sweaters, vests, suit jackets or fleece may be worn over a dress code top.
- b. Optional solid white, gray, black or khaki denim pants may be worn.
- c. Shoes or sneakers must be worn at all times. Laces on shoes or sneakers must be tied. Sandals, clogs, flip-flops, heels or bare feet are not permitted. All shoes must have backs.
- d. Gym Day Attire (Boys and Girls): Elementary school students may wear sweats to school on scheduled gym day. Sweats must be solid navy blue, white, gray, black or khaki. Middle school students must bring gym clothing to change into for physical education classes.

4. RESTRICTIONS: ALL students are **not permitted to wear the following during the school day:**

- a. Blue jeans of any kind.
- b. Leggings, stockings or other stretch/form fitting leg coverings unless worn under skirts, shorts, skorts or jumpers.
- c. Skirts, shorts, skorts, dresses, or jumpers worn more than three inches above the knee.
- d. Pants worn at a length which is dangerous to themselves or others.
- e. Hooded shirts or sweatshirts.
- f. Clothes which are torn, ripped, ragged or have holes.
- g. Clothes worn to expose midriffs, cleavage, or undergarments.
- h. Clothing which displays words, pictures or symbols that advocate or depict profanity, violence, drugs, alcohol, sex, hate groups or gang affiliation.
- i. Clothing that is distracting to the educational process.
- j. Outer coats of any kind.
- k. Any article of clothing that covers any part of the face and/or head including but not limited to hats, visors, earmuffs, headbands, do-rags, bandannas, curlers, goggles, and sunglasses.
- l. Footwear which is unsafe or a health hazard including but not limited to flip-flops, sandals, clogs, heels and all open-toed shoes.
- m. Clothing or items indicating gang affiliation.