

## VI. DRESS CODE

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Teachers and all other Board personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and behavior (including possession/use of electronic devices) and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance and conduct in the school setting. Staff members are expected to follow the dress code, in accordance with their collective bargaining agreement. The school cannot and does not dictate styles. However, school officials reserve the right to determine what is acceptable and unacceptable attire. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including jewelry, shall be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. Examples of clothing in these categories that are unacceptable include, but are not limited to:

- All headwear, such as scarves, hats, hoods, headbands, and bandanas are to be removed upon entering the building and is to remain off the person's body until he/she leaves the building.
- All headwear is to be kept in the student's locker during regular school hours or he/she will be directed to the assistant principal's or main office for disciplinary action.
- Safe footwear must be worn at all times.
- Bandanas/scarves (anywhere on the body and/or clothing) except for religious and/or medical reasons.
- Bathing suits
- Chains/spiked jewelry
- Coats/jackets/down filled vests (may only be worn entering/leaving the building)
- Droopy pants
- Exposed underwear garments
- Half shirts
- Halter tops
- Pajamas
- See-through garments/net tops
- Short skirts or short shorts (when standing, the edge of material must go beyond the tips of the fingers)
- Sunglasses
- Tops that allow one or more shoulders to be bare
- Plunging neckline (front/back)

- Bare midriff
- Clothing with holes or slits in areas that need to be covered
- Hats or sweatbands
- Spaghetti straps (straps of shirt must be at least 1" in diameter at the narrowest part of the strap)
- Hooded sweatshirts are allowed but the hood must be down
- Clothing will not be allowed that promotes, advertises, and/or endorses the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourages other illegal or violent activities.
- Clothing or items that are, or are implied as, vulgar, obscene and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation will not be allowed.

**Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item(s) and if necessary or practical, replacing it (them) with an acceptable item(s).** Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who fails to comply with the dress code shall be considered insubordinate and subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension. Each building principal, or acting principal, shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.