

Middle School Dress Code Policy

“The Governing Board expects that students will present themselves in an orderly manner which will not disrupt the educational program at school. Their appearance should be neat, clean, and acceptable to the general society and in keeping with the activity at school. The Governing Board considers this to be a judgment area of the site administrator or the school (BP 5132).” The dress code also applies to activities after school (e.g., dances, sports) and off campus (e.g., field trips, away sports).

The school administration recognizes that fashion trends may keep it from being easy for students to find appropriate clothing; however, it is important to maintain a proper learning environment. Parents/Guardians and students are requested to take the proper steps to ensure their school wardrobe meets the standards of the dress code.

Students are expected to “dress for school, not the pool.” We want to make schools a safe place for all kids. We believe that all students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of unnecessary discipline or body shaming. Students should not feel “picked on” because their bodies developed differently. To that end, our dress code policy is as follows.

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The primary responsibility for a student’s attire resides with the student and their parents/guardians. The school district and individual schools are responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student.

1. Certain body parts must be covered for all students
 - a. Clothing must be worn in a way that private parts and torso are covered with opaque (not see through) material.
2. Students must wear
 - a. Shirt—must be in alignment with above (1.a)
 - b. Bottom—pants, shorts, sweatpants, skirts, dresses, leggings must be in alignment with above (1.a)
 - c. Shoes—activity specific requirements are permitted for Life Fitness
3. Students cannot wear
 - a. Violent language or images, or symbols/abbreviations of such
 - b. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or illegal items/activities), or symbols/abbreviations of such
 - c. Hate speech, profanity, pornography

- i. Images, symbols, abbreviations, or language representing any of the above
- d. Clothing that makes visible private parts and torso
- e. Visible underwear
- f. Bathing suits
- g. Helmets, hats, or headgear that obscures the face, except as a religious observance or health requirements (like a mask)

The appropriateness of clothing in question per this dress code will be left to the discretion of the administration and/or designee.

Consequences for being out of dress code are as follows:

Students out of dress code may be asked to change into different clothes (school issued or extra clothes on hand) and will receive disciplinary consequences as defined below. These articles of “Dress Code” clothing are to be returned to the school office at the end of the day and the student’s clothing will be returned to them at that time.

1st Violation	Warning, change of clothes
2nd Violation	Change of clothes, Home contact, loss of 3 merits
3rd Violation	Change of clothes, Detention, loss of 5 merits