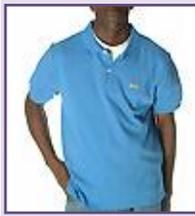




Common Dress Code Violations



Examples of Positive Clothing Choices



Garfield Middle School

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Student Dress Code Policy

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Middle School Dress Code

Students are expected to be in clean and appropriate attire for school-related activities. Clothing must not constitute a safety hazard, make a statement inappropriate for the school setting, or distract from the education process. Students shall observe the following guidelines for dress and appearance:

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All clothing must be of appropriate size and fit neatly.
- Oversize, saggy, baggy or tight fitting clothing will not be permitted.
- Low necklines will not be permitted.
- Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times, including when arms are raised.
- School athletic team uniforms may be worn only upon permission of the administration.
- Clothing that is in disrepair, worn out, ripped, or contains holes is not permitted.
- Any material that is sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through is not permitted.
- Shoes, sandals, or boots must be worn.
- Hats, bandanas, sweatbands, or other headwear may not be worn.

- Jackets, coats, and hooded tops may not be worn during the school day and must be kept in a locker.
- Visible body piercing, other than in the ears, may not be worn.
- Sunglasses may not be worn.
- Unnaturally colored hair, including but not limited to blue, green, purple, etc., is not permitted.
- Any article of apparel, clothing, and/or accessory that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence or is offensive or degrading is not permitted.
- Any article of apparel, clothing, and/or accessory that presents a hazard to the individual or to other people is not permitted.
- Anything that may cause a distraction to the educational process or is deemed inappropriate by administration is not permitted.

DRESSES

- Must meet all guidelines in this dress code including, but not limited to, color, fit, length and style

Students dress should reflect the notion that school is a place of business where students are learning both academic and social skills.

PANTS, SHORTS, SKORTS, CAPRIS, SKIRTS

- All pants, shorts, skorts, capris, and skirts must meet all guidelines in this dress code including, but not limited to, fit, length and style.
- Shorts and skorts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- Skirts must be slightly above the knee or longer.
- Pants, shorts, skorts, capris and skirts made of mesh, nylon, spandex, flannel, fleece or similar materials (such as pajama-style bottoms, sweatpants, jogging pants, running shorts, etc.) are not permitted. Athletic clothing in the form of pants, shorts, skorts, capris and skirts is not permitted.

SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS, VESTS, PULLOVERS

- Tops must meet all guidelines in this dress code including, but not limited to, fit, length and style.
- Hooded tops may not be worn during the school day.
- Tops must have sleeves and be of comparable style to those pictured.