

## Student Dress and Appearance Guidelines

--Why dress code: 1) To prepare students for dress codes they will encounter in post high school careers/other settings; 2) To dress for success...we act the way we dress; 3) Our community and staff expect high dress standards.

1. All clothing shall be clean, neat and unexaggerated. Distressed jeans are allowed if the distress shows no skin or clothing underneath the jean that is not the same cloth as the jean. The distress can be a maximum of 1 inch wide. Two pictures of appropriate distress are in this document. Costuming is prohibited.
2. Immodest, tight fitting (material that is revealing to the underclothing), or overly loose clothing shall not be worn. No Yoga Pants, or other overly casual looking clothing.
3. T-shirts, tattoos, or any type of clothing or personal items bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug related slogans and any other wording, drawing, pictures, symbols, etc. which in any way can be interpreted as suggestive, obscene, offensive or depicting violence are not permitted.
4. Pants/trousers/slacks need to be secured at the waist so that underclothing is not showing. Jean, Denim, Khakis, Corduroys, and Slacks are examples of pants. Athletic pants, leggings, and sweats are only allowed on designated days.
5. When skirts or dresses are worn, the bottom of the hem must touch the kneecap. *Short skirts (NOT kneecap length) with leggings are not permitted.*
6. Bare midriff and low cut shirts / blouses, sleeveless shirts and blouses, tank tops, or any other type of clothing that permits underclothing or skin normally covered by underclothing to be seen while standing, sitting, or bending, are not to be worn.
7. Shoes (or sandals with a strap around the back of the ankle) must be worn at all times. Flip flops *and household (a thin sole) slippers* are not allowed. Wheels, noisemakers, or damaging equipment on footwear are not permissible.
8. Heavy coats are to be left in lockers. Light jackets, blazers, vests, sweaters, and sweatshirts may be worn to class. Full-length jackets/coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench" coats or "dusters" are not allowed.
9. Hats, bandannas, sunglasses, and pajama pants are not to be worn. Hats and hoodies are to be removed upon entering building.
10. Inappropriate types of chokers, heavy chain necklaces, other heavy chains, spike necklaces and wristbands, or wallet chains are not allowed.
11. Distracting/extreme hairstyles (for example: high spiked hair, hair carvings, Mohawks) or unnatural/extreme hair colorings (for example: bright green, purple, fluorescent orange) are not allowed.
12. Pierced jewelry is limited to ears and cannot be excessive or extreme. One nose stud in one nostril is permitted. (for example: excessive gauging, chains, or other distracting ear piercings).
13. There may be special days approved in advance by administration when the dress code may be relaxed or altered.
14. Students will be able to wear shorts the first four weeks and last four weeks of the school year and on other designated days. Shorts need to be halfway down the thigh measured from the knee to the bottom of the crotch.

Examples of appropriately distressed jeans

