

DRESS CODE MMS

- Student attire impacts the teaching and learning environment.
- Dress shall not disrupt or distract from the educational process.
- Student attire that is acceptable for some social settings may not be acceptable for school.
- Student dress and grooming significantly affects the way others respond to them.
- Tank tops, tube tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, sleeveless tops, halters, or bare midriff tops are prohibited.
- Shirts cannot have necklines that are lower than the straight line from top of underarm across to opposite underarm.
- Shirts must cover shoulders, must have sleeves, and must extend past the top of the pants. Display of cleavage is not permitted. Tops may not expose the midriff, and clothing must cover undergarments at all times.
- Sagging pants, pants worn low on the hip so as to reveal underwear or skin are prohibited. Pants must be worn with both legs down (not one leg rolled up), and pants legs may not extend past the sole of the shoe. Clothing must cover undergarments at all times.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts and skorts that are shorter than the extended tip of the longest finger with arms hanging naturally at the sides are prohibited.
- Leggings can only be worn with a long shirt or sweater that extends to the thigh.
- Pants or shorts may not have holes or tears above the extended tip of the longest finger with arms hanging at sides.
- Pajamas, loungewear, and dorm pants are prohibited.
- Bedroom slippers, roller sneakers, or heels higher than 3 inches are prohibited. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Dog collars, chains, wallet chains, safety pins, spike jewelry, fishhooks or other dangerous items worn as jewelry, accessories or ornaments are prohibited.
- Head coverings of any kind in the building (except for religious or medical reasons) are prohibited except during special occasions.
- Bandanas may not be worn anywhere on one's person.
- In general, students are not to wear or carry items of apparel (clothing, accessories, cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry) which depict or allude to, by picture, symbol or word; drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, gangs, violence, sexually explicit, lewd, indecent or offensive material, or illegal acts.
- The wearing, using, or displaying of any gang clothing or attire (based upon the administration's reasonable belief that gangs may be present in the school), jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, codes or other things which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited.
- Belts will be worn through the loops and not hang down.
- Teachers and administrators may deny class entrance to students dressed or otherwise adorned inappropriately until arrangements may be made for their proper attire.
- All time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences.
- Parents or guardians will be notified each time a student is asked to leave school because of inappropriate attire.
- Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances.