

## **Dress & Grooming**

**Policy # 5132R**

Students must be suitably dressed and maintain high standards of neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness; dress and appearance are crucial in maintaining a proper and healthful educational atmosphere. The following attire is prohibited from wear during the academic school day:

- 1) Blouses/shirts/dresses should be constructed so that the tops of the shoulders are covered. Spaghetti straps, one-shoulder, tube tops, or strapless tops and dresses are not permitted. Blouses/shirts will not allow exposure of any portion of the waist, hips, midriff, or chest.
- 2) Skirts, shorts, and dresses should have hemlines that are mid-thigh. (Mid-thigh is defined as: while holding arms down at one's side, the mid-thigh is at the end of the finger tips.) With safety as our primary concern, pants should be worn to stay close to the waist; undergarments should be completely covered.
- 3) Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
- 4) Attire that displays indecent language, pictures, or symbols that contain sexual references, or that advertises or encourages the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- 5) Pajamas, slippers, and other lounging attire are not allowed.
- 6) Students may not wear accessories that could cause injury to others or that are substantially or materially disruptive of the education process.
- 7) Students' clothing or hair should not be hazardous to them in various school activities such as shop, laboratories, athletics, physical education, field activities, and art. Grooming and dress that prevent the student from doing his/her best work because of blocked vision or restricted movement, or that exposes the student to accidents, will not be permitted.

Students whose dress and grooming does not meet these standards will be referred to the principal or assistant principal who will inform students of necessary changes in dress. If students fail to remedy the problem, parents will be contacted. If the problem remains uncorrected, students will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including possible suspension/expulsion.

Exceptions to the above dress standards will be considered for medical reasons, special events and cultural beliefs, or to promote school spirit as determined by the school principal or his/her designee. Students and/or sponsors wishing to request special exceptions must have permission from the school administration prior to the activity.