

ABSS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

According to research by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), a school dress code:

- Greatly affects student academic performance and their interaction with other students
- Positively affects classroom discipline and decreases disruptions
- Improves school climate by decreasing the negative effects of peer pressure
- Increase school spirit and pride

National School Safety and Security Services stresses that dress codes play a significant role in reducing security threats and improving school safety. Knowing that a safe and orderly environment is the mark of an effective and successful school, our system has developed a dress code for all middle school students. The dress code provides specific expectations for safety and appropriate professional dress in the educational environment. In cooperation with this effort, please use these guidelines in selecting your wardrobe for your student:

ACCEPTABLE DRESS

- Must wear school appropriate clothing and accessories.
- Hair accessories (appropriate) are permitted for girls only.
- Hats and hoods permitted only outside the building.
- Clothing must fit and be worn appropriately
- Clean clothing which is in good repair and size appropriate
- Shirts must have a sleeve and the opening must be appropriate in size.
- Pants must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts/Skirts/dresses/slits in dresses must be at midhigh or lower.
- If wearing leggings, an outer garment must come to midhigh.
- Wear shoes which are appropriate for school.

UNACCEPTABLE DRESS

- No headgear of any type, (including but not limited to: bandanas, hats, hoods, sunglasses), in the building.
- No shirts hanging off the shoulders
- No bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, halter tops, see through, mesh, or sheer tops through which undergarments can be seen.
- No low-cut blouses/shirts/tops or extremely tight tops, tube tops, or any top that exposes cleavage.
- No sagging pants.
- Leggings, Jeggings & yoga pants are not considered appropriate, unless they are covered by a dress, skirt, or shorts that meet dress code requirements.
- No clothing or jewelry may be worn with suggestive or questionable language or drawings. (some examples may include, but not limited to the following: graffiti, gang related symbols, racial, ethnic, and/or sexual slogans or innuendos, tobacco products, pictures or language about alcohol, violence, weapons, drugs, language that is blatant disrespect of others' beliefs, or images deemed offensive or not in good taste).
- No pajamas/bedroom slippers.
- No holes in pants that expose skin or undergarments mid thigh or higher unless wearing something underneath which covers exposed skin.
- No accessories that could be used as a weapon.
- No temporary body art, face paint, writing or drawings on the body.

The final decision concerning the appropriateness of clothing will be made by the school administration.

Consequences:

1st Time - Verbal Warning & Required to Change Clothes

2nd Time - Written Warning & Parent Contact along with Required to Change Clothes

3rd Time - Required to Change Clothes & Lunch Detention