

DRESS CODE

The purpose of this dress code is for students to become aware of:

- 1) **Appropriateness:** Clothing should meet the expectations for the social environment. For example, the following environments require different dress: informal at home attire vs. casual school attire vs. professional business attire. It is the desire of the community to prepare students for a *Great Future* by developing a sense of appropriate dress.
- 2) **Safety and school climate:** Some attire such as shoes, colors, phrases, and logos present physical safety issues or express allegiance to groups that creates a hostile school climate. It is the desire of the community to establish a safe and peaceful school climate to enhance the educational experience.
- 3) **Character:** It is important that students develop the sense that their apparel reflects on their character. Clothing that is suggestive and/or contains words or phrases of a vulgar or suggestive nature negatively impact their character both by association and assimilation. It is the desire of the community to prepare students for a *Great Future* by developing their sense of appropriate moral judgment.

The following rules are recommendations that address appropriateness for the school social environment, safety and school climate, and student character.

| <i>Topic</i> | <i>K-8</i> | <i>9-12</i> |
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| <u>Shoes</u> (Purpose: Safety) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No backless shoes ● Sandals must have heel straps ● No high heel shoes, high heel boots or wedges (Flat shoes only) ● No bedroom slippers (shoes without hard soles, primarily designed for leisure wear in the home) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No bedroom slippers (shoes without hard soles, primarily designed for leisure wear in the home) |
| <u>Hats</u> (Purpose: Student Safety and Appropriateness) | <u>Headwear: Hats, beanies, jacket hoods:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May be worn outdoors ● May have the school logo only ● May be the school colors, solid black, white, or gray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School colors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU – Red, White and Blue ▪ WF – Green ▪ WU – Purple ● Must be worn appropriately (bill forward) ● Must not have inappropriate writing on the exterior, interior, or under the bill | <u>Headwear: Hats, beanies, jacket hoods:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May be worn outdoors ● May have the school logo only ● May be the school colors, solid black, white, or gray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School colors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU – Red, White and Blue ▪ WF – Green ▪ WU – Purple ● Must be worn appropriately (bill forward) ● Must not have inappropriate writing on the exterior, interior, or under the bill |
| <u>Make Up</u> (Purpose: Appropriateness and Character) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>K-5</u> – No make up ● <u>6, 7, 8</u> – Natural tone make up only | Appropriate adult make-up is acceptable. |
| <u>Pants and Shorts</u> (Purpose: Appropriateness and Character) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pants are worn with no undergarments showing and no excessive sagging ● <u>K-5</u> No holes other than natural wear at knees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pants are worn with no undergarments showing and no excessive sagging ● No holes or see through frays ● No Pajama Bottoms |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>6-8</u> No holes or see through frays ● No Pajama Bottoms ● <u>Shorts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum 4” inseam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Shorts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum 4” inseam |
| <p><u>Skirts</u> <u>Dresses</u> (Purpose: Appropriateness and Character)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skirts, and dress lengths are no shorter than mid-thigh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skirts, and dress lengths are no shorter than mid-thigh |
| <p><u>Tops</u> <u>Blouses</u> <u>T-Shirts</u> (Purpose: Appropriateness and Character)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midriff and lower back must be covered ● No spaghetti straps, halter tops or tube tops ● Tops must have straps and sleeves on both shoulders ● Strap width: Undergarment straps must be completely covered ● No exposed undergarments ● Arm openings should not be excessive ● No cleavage exposed ● No see through or net tops ● Undergarments may not be worn as outer garments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midriff and lower back must be covered ● No spaghetti straps, halter tops or tube tops ● Tops must have straps and sleeves on both shoulders ● Strap width: Undergarment straps must be completely covered ● No exposed undergarments ● Arm openings should not be excessive ● No cleavage exposed ● No see through or net tops ● Undergarments may not be worn as outer garments |
| <p>Language Logos Pictures Gang Affiliation (Purpose: Appropriateness, Safety and Character)</p> <p>Language Logos Pictures Gang Affiliation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attire may not be worn that has a style, color, logo, or phrase that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sexually suggestive ○ Degrading to the integrity of an individual or groups ○ Advocates ethnic, religious, or gender prejudice ○ Promotes or depicts alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, etc. ○ Identifies neighborhood groups or known gangs (The district will communicate with law enforcement agencies to update gang related apparel as necessary) ○ No solid red, brown, or blue shirts ○ No red or brown pants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attire may not be worn that has a style, logo, or phrase that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sexually suggestive ○ Degrading to the integrity of an individual or groups ○ Advocates ethnic, religious, or gender prejudice ○ Promotes or depicts alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, etc. ○ Identifies neighborhood groups or known gangs (The district will communicate with law enforcement agencies to update gang related apparel as necessary) ○ No solid red, brown, or blue shirts ○ No red or brown pants |
| <p><u>Colors</u> (Purpose: Positive Culture and Safety)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No solid red, blue or other colored clothing that promotes affiliation with known gang colors (At AU blue and red may be worn for the benefit or promotion of the school or school event) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No solid red, or blue or other colored clothing that promotes affiliation with known gang colors |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jewelry</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Purpose: Appropriateness and Safety)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jewelry and piercings should not create a safety hazard for activities at school, as determined by a school official ● No facial piercings except for ears | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jewelry should not create a safety hazard for activities at school, as determined by a school official ● No facial piercings on eyebrows, lips, mouth area, or tongue. Nose piercing must be limited to small stud that sits flush with the side of the nose |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hair</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Purpose: Appropriateness and Character)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Haircuts or hair styles which distract from the educational mission of the school are prohibited (i.e. designs, symbols, or messages that promote prejudice, degradation, gang affiliation or drug use) ● No unnatural colors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Haircuts or hair styles which distract from the educational mission of the school are prohibited (i.e. designs, symbols, or messages that promote prejudice, degradation, gang affiliation or drug use) |

Enforcement: Parents and all school employees are responsible to monitor student dress. School Principals, Learning Directors, Academy Administrators, Counselors and/or teachers will take appropriate corrective/disciplinary action for any violations of the above dress code or appropriateness of dress.