

Dress Code:

The district's dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards and assert authority. Students shall come to school clean, neat, well-groomed and wearing clothing that will not endanger the health or safety of the student or others.

The staff of the school is charged with enforcement of the District's Dress and Grooming Code. Interpretation of these codes is entirely within their judgment. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee. The Dress and Grooming Code includes the following requirements:

1. **The primary goal:** Students must dress neatly and modestly.
2. **Hair:** The hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed. No type of head covering, cap or hat is to be worn. Hair rollers or combs may not be worn in the hair. Hair cannot be dyed any color other than a natural color (i.e., green, blue, orange, purple, pink, etc.) and distracting hair styles will not be permitted (i.e. mohawks, spikes, etc.)
 - a. ***NOTE: Distraction will be defined by the principal.
3. **Facial Hair:** Mustaches are allowed, that do not extend beyond the corners of the mouth; however, the wearing of a beard/goatee is not acceptable. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the earlobe. Students are expected to shave as often as the situation dictates in order to maintain good grooming. No cuts or razor marks can be made in the eyebrows
4. **Dresses/Skirts:** Skirts must reach below mid-thigh when arms are at full extension down by one's side. Slits in dresses/skirts must conform to the mid-thigh rule. When seated, skirts must remain at mid-thigh. Garments should not fit tightly. Sleeveless dresses, blouses, or tops are not allowed (this includes spaghetti straps and tank tops even if covered by another garment). No pajamas or sleepwear allowed.
5. **Pants:** Slacks and jeans are appropriate. Slits/cuts or fringed openings are not permitted, even with garments underneath, holes must be patched. Pants must be worn at the proper waist. Excessively baggy pants that prohibit students from moving in a regular manner or that require the student to hold their pants up will not be permitted. Athletic suits with pockets are permitted. Pants should not be form-fitting (i.e. tights). Form-fitting pants are considered hosiery and must be covered by a skirt, shorts, or dress of the appropriate length. Pants must have pockets in the front/sides. No leggings allowed.
6. **Shorts:** Shorts must reach below mid-thigh when hands and arms are at full extension along one's sides and when seated. Walking shorts or dress shorts are advisable. Wind shorts, boxer shorts or biker shorts/tights are not allowed. Shorts must have pockets in front/sides. No leggings allowed.
7. **Shirts:** Shirts should be buttoned except for the neck button or zipped to the same appropriate height. Length must be so that no torso skin is visible. Tank tops, muscle shirts, or cut-off shirts are not permitted. All blouses, shirts, or tops must have sleeves. Sheer or see-through type blouses may not be worn. There should be no holes in shirts and any opening should not reveal private parts of one's body or undergarment. Off the shoulder shirts are not permitted. Shirts with references to violence, drugs, gangs, obscene gestures, lewd suggestions, etc. will not be permitted. Discretion is reserved for the principal.
8. **Garment/Jewelry:** Students may not wear any clothing or accessory that identifies that student as a gang member or member of an unauthorized group. Garments/jewelry bearing any insignia, writing or emblems representing alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products are not permitted. Any garment/jewelry depicting offensive, suggestive, lewd, illegal, violent, or profane writing, emblems, comments or designs are not permitted. Any garment/jewelry that causes a class disruption will be deemed inappropriate.
9. **Footwear:** Shoes must be appropriate for school, beachwear, casual shoes, such as house shoes, slippers, water shoes, etc., are not appropriate. Backless sandals can be worn at school provided they are appropriate.
10. **Coats/Costumes:** Heavy outdoor coats or overcoats should not be worn in the commons or classroom but stored in the locker. Wearing a costume, cape, mask, gown, etc. is not allowed.
11. **Backpacks:** All backpacks **must** be stored in one's locker throughout the school day. A backpack is defined as any item that can be used to store a student's books or notebooks. Backpacks may not display profanity or vulgar language, obscene gestures, or symbols signifying gang affiliations.
12. **Sunglasses:** Non-prescription glasses with dark lenses, shades or sunglasses are not to be worn.
13. **Body Rings/Tattoos:** Students with body markings must have them covered. No student shall wear jewelry such as nose rings, tongue rings, eyebrow rings or other items (i.e., chains, spikes, choke collars, dog collars, etc.) deemed inappropriate by the principal or his/her designee.



IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS CODE REGULATIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION. PERSISTANT DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SCHOOL POLICIES AND DISTRUPTION OF THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

Dress Code Violations

When possible, students will be given the opportunity to correct the violation, when possible the school will offer CMS t-shirts to replace inappropriate clothing, parents can be contacted to bring more appropriate attire, or students can change into other clothing if they have it. However, if nothing can be done to correct the student's violation they will be assigned to ISS for the school day, to limit the distraction to the educational process.

When a student becomes a persistent dress code violator, additional days of ISS will be assigned.