

# Central Middle Dress Code Policy

A very important part of Central Middle School is the pride we have in our school and in our student body. Our dress code reflects that special pride. Developed by a group of parents, teachers and students, the intent of the code is to create proper standards of safety, health, and welfare for all students.

As in any place of business, appropriate clothing helps establish an atmosphere where business – learning, in the case of our school – is the center point of attention. Due to the nature of learning, the room and the people around you are very important. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established to ensure the best learning environment.

The standards of appearance for students shall ensure that the students be clean, neat, and properly dressed. They shall observe modes of dress and standards of personal grooming which are in conformity with the studious atmosphere and good personal hygiene necessary in schools.

**It is the responsibility of the Principal to see that the dress or appearance of a student is not extreme to the point of creating a disturbance or is hazardous to oneself, others or school property, whether or not the specific case is covered by the above paragraph.**

As a minimum, the dress code shall include provisions for the appropriateness of clothing, accessories, and footwear, which will maintain adequate standards of safety, health, and welfare for all students. Beachwear and see-through or otherwise revealing apparel is not appropriate.

Students are not permitted to wear clothing that contains printed profanity, vulgarity, sexually explicit meaning, or with reference to drugs, alcohol, death, gangs, weapons, violence, or sex.

It is the responsibility of each student to adhere to this policy. Failure to do so will result in referral to administration.

# **Specific Guidelines for Dress Code**

**The following examples should be used as a guideline, but should not be used to replace the specificity that schools currently have in place in their school site dress codes:**

## **(a) Head**

1. No hats, curlers, bandanas, or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are to be worn in the school building or hallways.
2. Hairstyles must be non-disruptive and may not prohibit eye contact.
3. Hoods are not permitted to be worn on campus under any circumstances.

## **(b) Upper Garments**

1. Tube tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, or any other narrow strap is prohibited.
2. Strapless garments are prohibited
3. Undergarment shall not be visible at any time. (sports bras are undergarments)
4. Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited.
5. Excessively large or baggy clothes, which may conceal dangerous items or be a safety hazard, shall not be worn.
6. Upper garments must adequately cover the waistline and must not expose the midriff, while the student performs normal school-related activities (retrieving books, raising hands, etc.)

## **(c) Lower Garments**

1. Pants shall conform to the build and stature of the student, shall be worn at the waist, and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length.
2. Pants/Jean/Shorts shall have no holes or rips above the knee.
3. Undergarments shall not be visible.
4. Garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to build and stature of the student.
5. Shorts must have a 4" inseam and cover the buttocks. Short-shorts are not permitted.
6. Skirts and dresses must be long enough to reach the mid-thigh. (fingertip of arm extension)
7. Leggings, yoga pants, bike shorts, tights are not permitted.

**(d) Footwear**

1. Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Sneakers/athletic shoes are required protect the student from injury in P.E. class. Slippers are not allowed.

**(e) Accessories**

1. Clothing, jewelry, and accessories shall not convey messages that are: vulgar/profane; weapons, violent/death-oriented; gang-related; sexually suggestive; promoting alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
2. Jewelry or accessories that pose a safety concern for the student or others are prohibited. Hair picks, dog collars, large chains, wallet chains, or chains that connect one part of the body to another are prohibited.

**(f) Symbols or Clothing Showing Membership/Affiliation with a Gang**

1. Any clothing, accessories or symbols that convey membership or affiliation with a gang or other similarly oriented group or association prone to violence or criminal acts is prohibited.
2. Prohibited gang clothing/accessories can include, but is not limited to, gang related colors, bandanas, caps, rolled up or split pant cuffs, certain sports attire with "street meaning", etc.

**Students will be given a warning for their first dress code violation. If a second violation occurs student will receive a discipline referral.**

**\*Under no circumstances are students permitted to possess or spray any type of spray deodorants, hair sprays, perfumes, body sprays or colognes during the school day\***