## **Intermediate School and High School Dress Code**

- A. In an effort to enhance school safety, promote an environment free of distractions and disruptions and prepare students for the world of work, family and personal advancement:
  - 1. Shoes that are safe and appropriate for school must be worn at all times. House slippers may not be worn.
  - 2. Hats, jackets, coats and other outdoor apparel may not be worn in the classroom.
  - 3. Pants will be worn at the waist and not in a sagging manner at the hips or lower. The legs of pants will not extend below the heel of the shoe. Bib overalls will only be worn with straps over shoulders. Any apparel, which reveals undergarments, stomach, or inappropriate parts of your body, is not allowed.
  - 4. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be beyond fingertip length when standing and mid-thigh when sitting.
  - 5. Halter tops, tank tops, "tube" tops or strapless tops are not allowed. Shirts or sweaters worn off the shoulder are not allowed. "Spaghetti straps" are not allowed. All sleeveless shirts, sweaters and blouses must have standard armholes and must cover the entire torso.
  - 6. Midriffs, abdomens, backs, cleavage and any clothing typically worn as underclothing may not be exposed.
  - 7. Undergarments or garments typically worn as pajamas or loungewear may not be worn over or in lieu of outer clothing.
  - 8. Endorsement or depictions of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs will not be permitted on clothing, jewelry, hats, bags or backpacks.
  - 9. To promote a safe non-threatening learning environment, clothing may not display writings, slogans, pictures or symbols that are sexually suggestive, depict obscenities, vulgarities, racism or gang affiliation.
- B. In an effort to discourage gang activity in our schools, the following will not be permitted:
  - 1. Hats, caps, jackets, headbands, shirts or other clothing that have come to be identified with a gang.
  - 2. Visible tattoos or other material imprinted on the body which are either intended to be permanent or are easily removed and are associated with gangs.
  - 3. Medallions or other jewelry which identify gang members or gang affiliation or which have come to represent a gang.
  - 4. Any manner of dress, jewelry or artifacts that are indicative of gang involvement. (Students are not permitted to send gang signs or imply gang affiliation in the manner in which they wear their clothing.)

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