

## Student Dress Code

The personal appearance of every student is an important component of establishing a safe environment for optimal learning and respect for one another. Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner while on school district property or representing the school. Personal appearance shall be such that it does not disrupt student work or school order, become distracting to other students, or violate health and safety guidelines.

The following minimum standards apply to Hillcrest Middle School and will be vigorously enforced.

- A. Student dress and grooming must be neat and clean.
- B. Shirts/blouses should be worn so that the midriff is not visible while standing, sitting, or participating in normal school activities, e.g., raising hand. No low cut V shirts.
- C. Clothing that inappropriately exposes body parts is not permitted, including: low-cut shirts, spaghetti strap tops, halter tops, and see-through or mesh garments worn without shirts. Bra straps and bra sides must not be visible.
- D. **Pants/shorts must be worn at waist level. Excessively baggy pants and clothing are not permitted.** Clothing may not drag the floor or may not partially or totally expose underclothing.
- E. Skirts and shorts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- F. No pajamas or sophie shorts are allowed.
- G. Yoga pants or tights/leggings must be worn with a long shirt, skirt or shorts that is no shorter than fingertip length.
- H. Hats, sunglasses, hair curlers, skullies, hoods, bandanas or do-rags may not be worn on any part of the student's person while in the building.
- I. Appropriate shoes or sandals must be worn. Shower shoes, Adidas/Nike sandals/slides, bedroom shoes and glove shoes are not permitted.
- J. Clothing or jewelry is not permitted that displays profanity, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drug advertisements, or other inappropriate phrases or symbols. Jewelry that could be used as a weapon is not allowed: studded bracelets, belts, and handcuffs.
- K. Extraneous articles hanging from clothing such as chains are not permitted. This includes chains on wallets and clocks. Suspenders that are worn, must be worn correctly, not hanging freely.
- L. Facial jewelry is permitted to be worn only on the ears; however earrings that enlarge the earlobes are not permitted.
- M. No holes in garments showing skin or underwear 3 inches above the knee.
- N. Hoodie sweatshirts may be worn only with the hoodie in the "down" position.
- O. Excessively baggy and excessively tight clothing is not permitted.

**Administration, at their discretion, may determine appropriate dress code distractions that are not specifically covered in the policies listed above. Appropriate action will be taken.**