

## **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 strictly 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.
- C. Clothing that inappropriately exposes body parts is not permitted, including: low-cut shirts, spaghetti strap tops, halter tops, off the shoulder 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 and undergarments should not be visible. If pants/shorts do not fit properly, a belt must be worn to keep them in place. Excessively baggy pants and clothing are not permitted. Clothing may not drag the floor or may not partially or totally expose underclothing.
- E. No skin showing through pants above the knee.
- F. Skirts and shorts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- G. No pajamas or soffe shorts are allowed.
- H. Yoga pants or tightly fitted athletic pants are not allowed.
- I. Leggings are ONLY to be worn under an approved dress code item, such as a dress, top that is no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, or mid-thigh shorts. They are NEVER to be worn as pants.
- J. Appropriate headbands may be worn as a hair accessory. Hair curlers, skullies, hoods, bandanas, kerchiefs or do-rags may not be worn on any part of the student's person.
- K. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- L. Appropriately fitting shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. All shoes must have a hard sole.
- M. 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.
- N. Extraneous articles hanging from clothing such as chains are not permitted. Suspenders that are worn, must be worn correctly, not hanging freely.
- O. Hoodie sweatshirts may be worn only with the hoodie in the "down" position.
- P. No blankets or other bed linens are allowed at school.

***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.***