

2015-16 TC Student Handbook DRESS CODE (Note: The dress code may change for the 2016-17 school year, but we are not aware of any major changes at this time.)

All students in grades K-12 are expected to comply with the following Dress Code Policy. The K-12 dress code does not apply to Pre-K.

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY Students are expected to dress appropriately while in attendance at school. General appearance of students should be reasonable and not distracting to others. Students are expected and required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness, neatness, and conservative standards of dress and appearance. When questionable, the school principal will make the final determination of whether a student's attire or appearance is in conflict with the system policy. Students will observe the following dress code:

1. Hair should be fixed in an appropriate and acceptable manner. **This also means NO hats, caps, sun visors, combs, rollers, athletic sweatbands/headbands, bandannas, sunglasses or non-prescription glasses should be brought to school.**

*** Headdresses that hold back hair that are not listed above can be worn. (These headdresses cannot resemble bandannas.)**

2. No see-through garments; sheer see-through, or mesh see-through garments. Proper and acceptable undergarments will be worn at all times. Undergarments should not be visible to others.

3. Clothing must be age appropriate and properly fitting. Sundresses, tank tops, halter tops, bicycle pants or cut out sleeveless shirts may not be worn. No midriff type clothing is allowed. Cleavage must not show – no low cut clothing.

4. Clothing of a sexually aggressive nature or clothing that depicts inappropriate language or messages that can have dual meanings is not allowed.

5. Clothing such as belts, flaps, etc., must be buttoned or buckled. All belts must be worn with garments that provide belt loops. No chained wallets.

6. At the middle schools, shorts must be long enough that when standing straight with arms relaxed and fingers extended by the side, the fingertips do not touch skin. Dresses, skirts, and dresses/pants with slits will be held to the same standard PLUS one inch below the fingertip.

7. Pants MUST cover underclothing at all times. Pants must be worn at the waist or above the hips. Pant legs must be worn the same length. Pants should not have holes above the knees.

8. No flannel or pajama type pants or any other sleepwear.

9. Garments with printed words/pictures across the backside including but not limited to pants, shorts, and/or skirts will not be permitted (company logo tags/patches may be acceptable).

10. Students are required to wear safe and appropriate shoes at all times. Tennis shoes are required for PE. No heeled or similar type shoes are allowed at school. Bedroom shoes should not be worn.

11. Tights, jeggings, and leotards should not be worn without shorts or a dress over them and the shorts/dress should still comply with the length rule. Shirts worn over tights, jeggings and/or leotards are NOT acceptable. Any pants material that is form fitting and is not made of real jean material is not allowed.

12. Trench coats are not allowed. No rags, towels, or blankets may be worn or used as cover.

13. Piercings and teeth jewelry should not be a distraction to the school environment. The administrative staff reserves the right to pass judgment on any marginal clothing or grooming.

14. The principal shall have the authority to interpret dress code and make case by case determinations for the appropriateness of dress which is questionable or which is not covered in this policy.