Dressing for Success Guidelines

The “Dressing for Success Guidelines” are planned to create a safe learning environment that will enhance positive attitudes and self-esteem, and keep the primary focus on teaching and learning.

**Do**

- Wear clean clothes.
- Wear skirts/shorts/dresses/sweater dresses no more than 2½ inches above the knee.
- Wear leggings, jeggings or yoga pants with loose-fitting tops (shirts or sweaters) that are at least fingertip length.
- Wear sleeves on garments.
- Wear clothes that clear the floor.
- Wear outdoor coats, gloves, or toboggans, only while outside.
- Wear shoes that are safe and comfortable.
- Leave backpacks/book bags/string bags/purses/totes large enough to carry textbooks, in locker.
- Keep electronic devices turned off while at school, unless authorized by teacher for instructional use.

**Don’t**

- Show undergarments, such as boxers, gym shorts, or bra straps, or wear sagging pants below the waist.
- Show or draw attention to private areas (midriff front & back, upper half of your thigh, buttocks, and chest cleavage), such as off the shoulder shirts.
- Wear flannel pants, sheer clothing, holes in clothing (not even when another garment is worn underneath the clothing), or pajama tops or bottoms.
- Wear hats, caps, or headscarves (except for religious observance or medical reasons), bandannas, sweatbands, combs, brushes, hair rakes, hairnets, curlers, do-rags, picks, or hoods.
- Have extreme hair styles, hair color, or pierced body parts that disrupt learning.
- Wear unbreakable chains or shoe strings around your neck, sunglasses, grillz, wallet chains, jewelry that is dangerous, or disruptive.
- Wear, or be in possession of, anything that communicates the promotion of alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, weapons, vulgarity, sexual innuendos, violence or profanity.
- Draw on yourself or other students' body or clothing.

*If you bring these, or similar items, to school, you are responsible for them:*

Examples:

- Expensive personal belongings
- Electronic devices (phones, I-Pods, MP-3 players, games, tablets, e-readers, etc.)
- Money (cash, checks, or money orders)

The discretion of the teachers and administrators will be final in the interpretation of these guidelines, as fashion trends, and terms for attire, change. Academic Leadership teachers will check for guideline violations during the academic leadership class. Students in violation of the “Dressing for Success Guidelines” will be required to immediately fix the violation. Students who do not fix the violation, or who are found to be in violation during the school day, will be immediately referred to the SAFE room.

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