

### **CASSIDY POLICY ON STUDENT APPEARANCE**

Appropriate attire and acceptable appearance promote a school climate of safety and decency. Cassidy students are expected to be neatly dressed and well groomed at all times. Other than on “hat days” or other theme days, student dress should reflect the importance of our mission – Every child a proficient student and good citizen. The following is a general description of our expectations for students attending Cassidy School:

- Personal hygiene begins with clean bodies and clothing.
- All clothing must be appropriately sized to fit each student. Jeans may not slouch below the waist, reveal underwear or drag the ground. Students will wear tops (plain or with appropriate\* slogans) that cover the midriff and chest.
- Students will keep hats, scarves, caps, bandannas, hair rakes, combs, picks and headscarves in their lockers while in the building.
- Key rings and keys on lanyards will be kept concealed at all times. Dangling chains, drawstrings, or other accessories that could become safety hazards will not be permitted
- Coats may not be worn inside the building. Students may keep a sweater or sweatshirt in their lockers for use if the building becomes chilly.
- Appropriate footwear: elementary students are very active physically; therefore, shoes that ensure safety are required. Students may not wear flip-flops or other open sandals that lack foot support or may come off during normal use. Footwear must be secured to the foot. Athletic shoes are required on PE days.

Students who come to school dressed in violation of this policy shall be sent to the Child Guidance Specialist to replace the offending article of clothing or the parent will be called to bring a change of clothing. Other consequences may be imposed by the principal consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

Parents are strongly encouraged to put their child’s name in any articles of clothing that might be removed by the child during the school day. Unidentified ‘lost’ items are donated to the Clothing Center for use by other children.

\*Appropriate, in this case, means that the slogan is not overtly offensive nor advertises a product or service that the child would not be of age to partake.

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