

Dress Code

- Clothing that is too tight or too loose will be considered inappropriate. Therefore garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps (follow the three finger rule for sleeveless shirts), muscle shirts, plunging necklines (front and/or back), short shirts that do not completely cover the midriff, and see-through garments are not appropriate. In addition, leggings and jeggings are not permitted.
- The length of dresses, skirts and shorts must be two inches above the knee or a minimum of half the distance between the fingertips and the top of the knee when the student's hand is fully extended down the side of the student's leg even if leggings or tights are worn underneath.
- Pants must be worn at the natural waistline and belts are required if the garment has belt loops. Students should ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing; therefore trousers will be at waist level, including elastic waist pants, and shirts need to be tucked-in; hence the Tuck and Pull policy for our gentlemen.
- Shoes must be tied or properly fastened at all times. Therefore, no open back or open toed shoes are allowed. This includes flip-flop style shoes and sliders, as they cannot be properly fastened.
- Headwear may not be worn on campus. Therefore students will be required to keep headgear in their lockers unless of course it is because of a bona fide religious belief.
- Garments must not bear any insignia or logo. Therefore if clothing has images or writing, they must not be offensive, nor in any way connected to drugs or violence.

Students who arrive at school dressed inappropriately will be given the opportunity to call home for an appropriate change of clothes or the option of borrowing appropriate clothing from school if there is any available. Student Dress Code per Syracuse City School District Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities:

Personal Appearance:

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students will not be required to dress in a fashion that would violate their religious or ethnic beliefs. Students and their parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. Because no list can be exhaustive nor can it anticipate all situations, building administrators will interpret and apply the dress codes of the District.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance including bandanas, hair style/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Exclude or reflect that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, plunging necklines (front and/or back) and see-through garments which are not appropriate. When concerning dresses, skirts and shorts: The length of a skirt, dress or shorts must be a minimum of half the distance between the fingertips and the top of the knee when the student's hand is fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
- Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing; therefore trousers will be at waist level.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed (e.g. dragging laces, and flip flops).
- Not include the wearing of hats, hoods or scarves/bandanas except for a medical or religious purpose (Matter of Jimenez, 9 Ed. Dept., Rep. 172).
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on matters of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

Not depict or suggest association with a gang/cult.