

► DRESS CODE

Parents and students must assume the responsibility of the student's proper attire as outlined in the policy. If a student's dress or appearance is inappropriate, lacking in cleanliness, is not in good taste, or substantially disrupts class or learning activities, the student will be required to change his/her dress or appearance.

This policy serves as the warning in reference to the dress code.

Shoes shall be worn at all times.

Stretch leggings, jeggings, tights may be worn with a shirt, blouse, top, or t-shirt **IF** the shirt, blouse, top, or t-shirt is no shorter than fingertip length all the way around the student's body.

Pajama pants may not be worn.

No "Slacking" or "Sagging" of pants or shorts are allowed. All pants and shorts must be worn at the **waistline**. **No underwear may be revealed, nor should gym shorts or any other garments underneath the outer layer of clothing be visible.**

Jeans must be free of rips, tears, or holes that expose skin above the fingertips. If jeans have the rips, tears, or holes, skin must be covered.

Students should not wear hats, tiaras, crowns other head covering, earbuds, headphones, or sunglasses during the school day and during school sponsored activities that are held inside of the school building. These areas include classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, media center, and any other areas as designated by the school administration. School administrators can make adjustments to the above based on school events (ex: spirit week), religious beliefs, customs, and/or medical reasons per individual student. No fish hooks or any other pins should be displayed on hats.

Mesh-styled shirts and blouses, clothes or jewelry imprinted with suggestive or vulgar language, shirts and blouses exposing the midriff, and any clothing over-exposing the body, including razor back shirts, thin- strapped tank tops, off the shoulder tops/blouses/t-shirts, and thin strapped blouses are not allowed.

Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee all the way around the student.

Tops and sleeveless shirts must be three fingers in width for ladies. **Jerseys with large arm holes are not permitted unless there is a t-shirt worn underneath.**

Students shall not wear clothing so that exposes excess cleavage.

No gang-related clothing, accessories, or symbols as identified by the **Local Law Enforcement Agencies** (Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office) will be allowed on any school site or at any school sponsored activity.

Curlers, picks, combs (except for barrette style) or rakes in the hair, hoods, hats, caps, gloves, sweatbands, bandanas, scarves, wave caps, bonnets, tiaras, crowns, or sunglasses are not acceptable headwear accessories.

Scarves may be worn around the neck. Face painting and blankets are also not permitted.

Heavy chains may not be worn or brought to school on belts or wallets.

Students who are improperly dressed will be referred to school administrators or designee who will assist the student in complying with dress code standards.

CONSEQUENCES OF IMPROPER DRESS

First offense:	hold in ISS until changed/parent phone call
Second offense:	one day of In School Suspension
Third offense:	overnight suspension/return with parent for conference
Fourth offense:	one day Out of School Suspension