



Black Water Middle School

Dress Code

Students, with parent guidance, have the responsibility for dressing in an appropriate manner while on campus or when involved in school activities such as field trips, sports activities, and dances. Personal appearance of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a positive learning environment, and project a positive image of the school district to the community.

Student dress that is considered appropriate does not, and cannot, be offensive, interfere with the educational process, cause disruption, or damage school property.

Please note the following guidelines concerning dress:

Dress should not affect or distract the educational process. In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate in accordance with this policy, the administration will require the student to change. **When the student needs to be sent home to change and the parent cannot be reached, the student may remain in ISS for the remainder of the day or until a parent can be reached.**

- Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety. Items such as spiked jewelry, dog chains, and metal toe plates are not allowed.
- **No sagging.** Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive. Pants and tops must be worn so that underwear, undershorts, or mid-skin is not showing.
- Examples of unacceptable external clothing includes, but is not limited to, boxer shorts, tube tops, fishnet apparel, exposed midriff apparel, bike shorts, swimming attire, pajamas/sleepwear/loungewear, halter tops, muscle shirts, and form-fitting exercise apparel, spaghetti strapped tops, or bralettes.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses must be worn **no shorter than fingertip length while the student is standing with his/her hands at sides. Holes in jeans must also comply with this rule.**
- Leggings, tights, yoga pants, or bottoms of similar fit are not allowed without apparel worn over them and must cover the bottom.
- Uniforms for extra-curricular activities that are worn during the school day must be modified to conform to the guidelines set forth in this policy.
- Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a gang.
- Attire should not have pictures or references to weapons or violence.
- Attire must not display any information about, or advertise for, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and other such products. Attire may not display any information, drawings, and/or other representation concerning illegal drugs, inappropriate use of controlled drugs or other substances, including use, possession, distribution, and/or paraphernalia associated with the foregoing.
- Attire such as hats, bandanas, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.
- Attire must not contain images or wording that an administrator deems to be offensive to other students or disrupt the school environment.