

CONWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

Parents/guardians are responsible for assuring that individual students dress in an appropriate manner at all times while on campus or when involved in school activities.

The administration will determine the appropriateness of student dress. The administrative team of each school will have the authority to decide if a student's dress is inappropriate and to follow through with corrective action. The school administration's ruling regarding inappropriate dress and corrective action is final pending review only by the Superintendent or her/his designee. Disputes involving student dress are not appealable to the Board.

Personal appearance of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a climate conducive to teaching and learning, and project a positive image of the District to the community. Generally, student dress is considered appropriate as long as it does not, or foreseeably could not, interfere with the educational process, cause disruption, or damage school property. In addition to clothing, hats, and shoes, student attire includes any jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, comment, or other items worn or displayed by an individual. Please refer to the PSH for additional information regarding the dress code.

Please note the following guidelines concerning dress:

In the event the administration determines a student's attire 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, 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 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" in any negative sense of the term.
- 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, the hood of a hoodie 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