

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Helfrich Park – McGary – Oak Hill – Perry Heights – Plaza Park – Thompkins - Washington

The need to maintain appropriate discipline in schools favors more administrative discretion than might be permitted in other parts of society; therefore, schools seek to develop within each student an understanding and an appreciation of appropriate dress and grooming. Appropriate school dress is considered to be those articles of clothing which are clean, safe, modest, and do not disrupt the learning environment. The following guidelines will take effect in the 2007-2008 school year.

NO:

- Clothing that contains symbols and/or words that promote values that are fundamentally contrary to the school's mission.
- Tops of any kind that reveal shoulders, chest, underarms, cleavage, back, or midriff (halter, tank, tube, fishnet, see-through or sheer garments, spaghetti straps, or scoop/extremely low necklines).
- Tops that reveal any skin during normal movement (carrying books, sitting down, bending over, leaning forward). Shirts must be long enough to tuck into pants or skirts.
- Low rise, sagging pants that reveal any skin or undergarments during normal movement (bending at lockers, sitting down, etc.). Pants *must be* belted at the waist.
- Straps or chains on pants, shorts, or skirts.
- Chains of any kind or Mardi Gras beads.
- Short shorts, gym trunks, or abnormally short skirts – shorts and skirts *must be* at least fingertip-length when hands are resting at the side of the body.
- Torn clothing, pants with holes, cutoff or frayed jeans.
- Pajamas or house slippers.
- Clothing that contains lewd, crude, or suggestive language, offensive illustrations, musical group shirts, weapons, remarks, or violence.
- The wearing or display of any object, symbol, or clothing that could reasonably be considered gang-related or could be used as a weapon.
- Clothing that contains drug, alcohol, or tobacco advertisements.
- Shoes with wheels.
- Jackets and coats worn in classes.
- Body piercing excluding ears.
- Head coverings inside school (hats, bandannas, headbands, doo-rags, sunglasses).
- Unnatural hair color (such as but not limited to: blue, fuchsia, green, etc.) that disrupts the learning environment.
- Wearing clothing differently than the way it was designed to wear (such as sweatshirts on arms only).
- Student writing (e.g., drawing with pens/markers) on clothing or body.

- Athletic sweatbands/rubber bands/spike bracelets.

Furthermore:

Students must use good judgment when they select shoes. In doing so, they should consider the various activities they participate in and recognize the necessity for health and safety. Shoes must be tied, and Velcro must be fastened.

All decisions about appropriate dress and grooming will be made by the schools' administrators. Students found to be in violation of the dress code will be asked to correct the article found to be in violation prior to returning to the classroom and could face further disciplinary action.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, veteran status, national origin, age, limited English proficiency, or disability in its programs or employment policies as required by the Indiana Civil Rights Law (I.C.22-9-1), Title IV and Title VI (Civil Rights Act of 1964), the Equal Pay Act of 1973, Title IX (Educational Amendments), and Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

Questions concerning compliance with these laws should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, 1 S.E. Ninth Street, Evansville, IN 47708, phone number 435-8428. Approved by the Board of School Trustees 05/21/07

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