

G. DRESS CODE – General Rules Applicable to All Students

1. General rules regarding student dress. The following regulations regarding student dress generally apply to all District schools, in addition to the more specific requirements of the Dress Code Policy detailed further in this section: Though an individual's dress and adornment/appearance is a matter of personal preference and choice, certain styles of dress/appearance are not appropriate in school for the health, safety, welfare of students and staff. Students will be required to change inappropriate clothing or appearance or be sent home to do so and return. For this reason, the following guidelines are established:

- a) Wear clothes that are not revealing or suggestive, such as see-through blouses, halter tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, cutoffs.
- b) Wear clothing, jewelry, and other accessories which do not promote, encourage, or depict any form of drugs (including alcohol), obscene, lewd or vulgar language or action, or promote any illegal activity. c) Wear pants which are secure around the waist. Pants may not be "distressed" (e.g. have rips or holes).
- d) Wear clothing which cannot potentially cause harm to another person, damage to property, or create an unsafe environment.
- e) Wear shorts and skirts, the hem of which must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- f) Students must wear shoes or footwear appropriate for the school setting. Hard soled shoes, including sneakers, are appropriate. Students may not wear open-toed shoes, slippers, high heels, sandals or flip-flops to school.
- g) Outerwear: Outerwear must be placed in lockers from "bell to bell" and is not permitted to be worn during the school day. Outerwear includes but is not limited to coats/jackets, windbreakers, wind pants, gloves, hats, bandanas and scarves.
- h) **Hoodies:** Students may wear hoodies during the school day but only if the hood remains down. If a student pulls the hood up during the school day, it will be considered "insubordination" as defined in the Student Code of Conduct. The administration may impose additional limitations on dress and/or appearance if the attire or appearance causes a disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health or safety hazard. ***Hoodies must be solid colors, however, Collegiate Academy and Erie High hoodies will be permitted.***

2. High School (Grades 9-12) Dress Code. Students shall wear:

- a) Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, in any solid color (e.g. no patterns, words or pictures, etc.), including denim or "jeans," which must be worn or belted at the waist. The hem of the shorts, skirts or skorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- b) Shirts/hoodies must be in any solid color (e.g. no patterns, words, pictures, etc.). Shirts must be tucked into the pants/skirts at all times, provided, however, students may wear shirts or jerseys with the official or approved name or logo of the home school to which they are currently assigned, including athletic jerseys and club gear.
- c) Exceptions to the High School mandatory dress code will be made on a case by case basis in order to accommodate bona fide religious beliefs and special health conditions.
- d) Specific dress requirements may be assigned to students participating in technical labs or other classes or activities that necessitate the wearing of specific clothing in order to maintain the health and safety of that student and others. These class or activity-specific rules will be established by the Building Administrator or classroom teacher and will be delineated in the class, lab or activity syllabus. Failure of a student to abide by these health and safety dress requirements may result in the student's removal from that class, lab or activity.