

STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to follow the Midland Middle School Dress Code. It must be remembered that the learning environment must be as free as possible from distractions/interruptions. With this in mind, we will try to address all dress code violations during homeroom. As it is with a speeding motorist, not all dress code violators are caught. As a staff we will try to be as consistent as possible in enforcing the dress code. We ask that parents check what their children are wearing before they leave for school. Dress and grooming which disrupts the educational process will not be allowed.

Specific rules are:

1. The school principal (or his designee) will make the final determination on whether a student's dress conflicts with these guidelines.
2. **Students are expected to wear clothing that fits.** Clothes that are **too tight** or **oversized** may not be worn.
3. **All shirts must be tucked in.**
4. **Pants that sag down below the hips are not permitted.** Pants are to be worn on or above the waist. If pants are worn properly on the waist, no belt is required. Tights, bicycle pants and leggings cannot be worn as pants. No see through pants are allowed. Sweat pants, wind pants, and pants with holes are not to be worn. No pants are to be worn bound at the ankle.
5. **Shorts** may be worn to school with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap.
6. **Dresses and skirts** may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap. Splits in dresses or skirts may be no higher than the top of the knee.
7. **Short cropped shirts and blouses may not be worn.** The stomach and lower back must be covered at all times.
8. There will be no plunging necklines. Tank tops, halter-tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, see through shirts or blouses, and muscle shirts cannot be worn. Do not wear clothes that are too revealing.
9. Flip flops, bedroom slippers and shower shoes are not allowed. Shoes with heels higher than two (2) inches are not allowed.
10. Students are not to wear clothing that contains crude suggestive messages, offensive or obscene symbols, signs, slogans or words degrading any gender or any cultural, religious or ethnic values. Clothing which contains language or symbols oriented toward violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, hate, profanity, or tobacco may not be worn on campus. (ex: satanic symbols, gang paraphernalia, Confederate battle flag, writing on seat of pants/jeans, or anything associated with hate groups) "Fake" alcohol or drug advertisement is also disallowed.
11. Clothing with holes that expose parts of the body may not be worn.
12. Clothing designed as undergarments or nightwear shall not be worn as outer garments. No undergarment is to be visible.
13. Hats, head/sweatbands, do-rags and/or bandannas or other head coverings are not to be worn in the building at any time. Hats must be placed in the student's locker at the beginning of the school day and cannot be removed from the locker until after school.
14. Students are not to wear extremes in hairstyles, hair colors, letters shaved in head, etc.
15. Hair curlers, wave clips, combs, brushes and picks are prohibited outside bathrooms or locker rooms and cannot be worn in the hair at any time.
16. Piercings are restricted to the ears only for both boys and girls.
17. Jewelry or clothing that creates a hazardous condition or symbolizes hate, violence, sex or drug or gang association shall not be worn. Items such as chains on a belt, wallet, etc., and items with spikes are not permitted.
18. All coats/oversized jackets or pullovers longer than hip length must be placed in students' lockers before school and may be removed after school. Hooded garments may be worn to school as long as hoods are not worn indoors.
19. The Midland Middle School Dress Code must be followed on field trips and at all school functions on and off campus.

Students will complete their work in In-School Suspension if the violation can not be corrected. Students are subject to Friday Detention for subsequent violation of the dress code.