

## Midlands STEM Student Dress Code 2020-2021

Clothing articles, hair, and/or other displays should not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the educational process. Therefore, any items deemed distracting, revealing, overly suggestive or otherwise disruptive will not be permitted. Wearing items that could pose a safety threat to one's self or others is not allowed. This includes heavy chains not made as jewelry, fish hooks, multiple-finger rings (rings welded together resembling brass knuckles or rings that can be used as a weapon), studded bracelets or collars, nose/lip to ear chains, etc. Unusual body piercing that is disruptive to the order of the school or is a distraction to the learning environment will not be allowed.

Attire, articles, and other items must not display or evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense of the term. In determining whether or not a student is in violation of the prohibition on the wearing/display of a gang-related item, the district will maintain, in all of its school offices, an example of potential gang indicators including symbols, hand signals, graffiti and clothing/accessories. Bandanas and do rags are not allowed on campus and will be confiscated and discarded. Picks and combs are not allowed in hair. Hair items such as plastic headbands, barrettes and ribbons are permitted. Students are not allowed to wear hats or other headgear in school buildings (including portables). These items may be confiscated. Religious headgear (yamakas, etc.) is allowed. School administrators will not be held liable for confiscated items.

- Clothing, articles or other items that display advertisements for, or messages or pictures depicting or suggesting, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, or sex are prohibited.
- Clothing, articles, or other items that display symbols, messages or statements which would distract others, interfere with the instructional programs, or otherwise cause disruption, are prohibited.
- Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, or indecent. Lower garments should be of fingertip length to assure modesty when the student is seated or engaged in school activities.
  - Pants must be worn at the natural waistline and undergarments are not to be visible. If they do not fit properly, a belt must be worn to keep them in place.
- Sleeveless attire cannot reveal undergarments. Shirts cannot be tight, low cut or show cleavage. Shirts should be loose fitting and fully cover the upper body. Halter-tops and shirts with spaghetti straps will not be allowed.
- Clothing must cover waist and back with no skin showing between the top garment and bottom garment.
- No transparent or mesh clothing without an appropriate shirt underneath.
- No clothing that is excessively form fitting (i.e., spandex) or.
- No Leggings, yoga pants.
- No bottoms with large holes.

- No crocks, slides, or flip flops.

Students may not continue to attend class wearing inappropriate clothing, articles, or display of items as defined in this policy. Neither parents/legal guardians nor students will place the burden of enforcing this policy solely on the school. Parents/legal guardians and students are expected to comply to ensure that a comfortable, safe and non-confrontational environment is provided for all students. Administrators and faculty members are expected to strictly enforce the dress code policy at all times.

**Violations of this policy will result in the following:**

- In the event the administration determines a student's dress, articles, or display of items is inappropriate for school in accordance with this policy, the administration will require the student to remove the articles or items, turn inappropriate clothing inside out, or change inappropriate clothing and make alternate clothing available for the student to wear.
- If, upon request, the student refuses to follow the directive of the administration in accordance with this policy, the student will be sent to ISD and the parent/ legal guardian will be contacted.
- Repeated violations of this policy will be treated as disruptive behavior in violation of the student code of conduct. However, violations of this policy will not carry over on the student's discipline record to subsequent years.
- The school administration will determine the amount of lost instructional time a student must make up due to being out of class for violations of this policy. The instructional time will be made up after school and at the financial expense of the student's parent/legal guardian for a certified teacher to remain and instruct the student. Failure to do so may result in a student repeating the course(s).