

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

### GIRLS

1. Dresses, skirts, skorts, shorts, etc. MUST meet a standard length of one inch below the fingertips. For instance, a student can judge this by standing while allowing his or her arms to rest downward in a relaxed manner at his or her sides. The item of clothing must be one inch below the fingertips in order to meet length requirement. Any dresses, skirts, skorts or shorts, etc. above this length do not meet dress code. Skirts, shorts, etc., over tights/leggings must still meet the length requirement. Moreover, leggings may be worn if a shirt is worn over them, and shirt extends coverage to one inch below fingertips. If you are addressed by a staff member, then your shorts, skirt, skort, dress, etc. is questionable and must be approved by the office or its designee.
2. Sweaters, blouses, t-shirts: shoulders and back must be covered. No narrow tank tops like Spaghetti straps or shirts with cut out sleeves or oversized armholes which reveal undergarment or underneath shirt. Those students who wear sleeveless shirts must remember that the entire shoulder must be covered firmly around the arm. No exposed undergarments, including sports bras.
3. No shirts exposing any skin or undergarments at the midriff – whether sitting, standing, or bending over.
4. Shirts must have modest necklines – no cleavage or exposed undergarment whether sitting, standing, or bending over.
5. No article of clothing with symbols or sayings that are vulgar, suggestive, unreasonable, or that display alcohol, drugs, gang references, violence or illegal activities is permitted.
6. No hats, caps, bandannas, head scarves or sunglasses permitted (except on designated days).
7. Skin exposed by holes in clothing must be within the areas permitted by rules for shirts or pants. (*No tape will be provided by the school to cover holes in clothing*)
8. Due to safety concerns, tongue, lip, nose, cheek, and eyebrow piercings are prohibited.
9. No pajama pants, pajama tops, or house shoes.
10. Tattoos that display sexually suggestive content, that are obscene, display drugs, gangs, or violence and may be deemed by the Administration as a disruption to the educational process are prohibited.
11. Unnaturally colored or groomed hair that is a disturbance to the educational process is prohibited.
12. Students must maintain their personal appearance and hygiene so as not to disrupt the educational process.
13. No spikes or studded jewelry or apparel, which may pose a safety issue.
14. No steel chains worn on body or attached to wallet or purses.
15. Coats may be worn to and from school and during outside activities but must be placed back in a locker before going to class. Large coats should not be worn in classrooms due to safety concerns. Light jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts are permitted.
16. Transparent clothing that reveals skin or undergarments is not permitted.
17. No clothing that has writing, pictures, or symbols, etc. which degrades or slurs an individual's race, national origin, citizenship status, religion, gender, economic status, age, disability, and other human differences.

### BOYS

1. Pants are to be pulled up to waist, not hanging on hips. Underwear (or skin) is not to be exposed. Belts are to be worn to keep pants at the waist.
2. Shorts MUST meet a standard length of one inch below the fingertips. For instance, a student can judge this by standing while allowing his or her arms to rest downward in a relaxed manner at his or her sides. The item of clothing must be one inch below the fingertips in order to meet length requirement.

Any shorts, etc. above this length do not meet dress code. Shorts worn over tights/leggings must also meet length requirement. Moreover, tights/leggings may also be worn if a shirt is worn over them, and shirt extends coverage to one inch below fingertips. If you are addressed by a staff member, then your shorts, etc. are questionable and must be approved by the office or its designee.

3. Shoulders and back must be covered. No narrow tank tops or shirts with cut out sleeves or oversized armholes revealing underneath the shirt. Those students who wear sleeveless shirts must remember that the entire shoulder must be covered firmly around the arm.

4. No article of clothing with symbols or sayings that are vulgar, suggestive, unreasonable, or that display alcohol, drugs, gang references, violence or illegal activities is permitted.

5. Skin exposed by holes in clothing must be within the areas permitted by rules for shirts or pants. (*No tape will be provided by the school to cover holes in clothing*)

6. No hats, caps, bandannas, headbands or sunglasses permitted (except on designated days).

7. Due to safety concerns, tongue, lip, nose, cheek, and eyebrow piercings are prohibited.

8. No pajama pants, pajama tops, or house shoes.

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13. No steel chains worn on body or attached to wallets or purses.

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## **RAMIFICATIONS OF DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Any student not abiding by the Rock Hill Middle School dress code may not be permitted to attend classes until the item in question has been corrected. The Administration can also exercise the right to allow a timeframe to have the violation corrected. This can be done by the discretion of the Administration or through its designee and will be decided through a case-by-case basis, depending on the severity of the infraction at hand. Dress code violations can result in, but may not be limited to, the following:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense- Warning/Student must correct violation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense- Student must correct violation and may serve Lunch Detention.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense- Student must correct violation and may serve Morning Detention.

4<sup>th</sup> Offense- Student must correct violation and may serve After-School Detention.

5<sup>th</sup> Offense- Student must correct violation and may serve Alternative School and/or other forms of discipline.

*Dress code must be observed for gym class, field trips, dances, etc.)No list of dress and appearance guidelines for students can be written which will anticipate all potential dress and grooming extremes. In such cases, the Administration or its designee will make the final call pertaining to dress code violations and what is deemed as a safety issue and/or disruption.*