

## Student Dress Code

### Philosophy

Nationally, with the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, employers have joined with school administrators in order to develop students who are prepared for the workforce upon leaving school. Education, the foremost role of a school, enables students to achieve success in their future endeavors. Attire plays an important role in the workforce and learning how to properly dress is an area that schools must address as part of a student's educational process.

### Purpose

The primary responsibility for determining appropriate dress and grooming lies with parents. Even though school attire is not intended to stifle a student's personal taste, as part of the educational process, it is necessary to establish guidelines as to what is permitted within the school environment. The safety and health of individuals is of the utmost importance. In addition, it is essential to encourage choices that are conducive to establishing a climate of teaching and learning. Therefore, items that become a distraction to the educational process will be prohibited. The following standards will assist the students and parents in determining acceptable attire for a school setting.

### The Dress Code

*Note: The policy has been updated.*

#### Shirt

Purple (no other colors) polo style shirt with collar and district logo (short or long sleeve)

#### Sweater/Fleece

Purple with district logo.

As part of the uniform, students may purchase shirts through school uniform vendors. Shirts must fit appropriately and be long enough to ensure that the midriff is not exposed, but not so long that the entire pocket is covered, and buttoned sufficiently to prevent unacceptable exposure.

#### Pants

1. Students must wear khaki pants. (Black pants are no longer allowed.)
2. A khaki skirt no more than two inches above the knee may be worn by our female students.
3. All students may wear khaki shorts/capris between May 1 and October 1, and also cannot be more than two inches above the knee.

No jeans (of any color), sweat pants, spandex or stretch pants are permitted. Low cut pants that lead to exposure of undergarments or an exposed midriff are not permitted. Excessively tight pants are not acceptable in the school environment.

### Student Identification Badges

All persons in the school building are required to wear identification badges (ID's), at all times. The badges must be attached to the person by a clip or lanyard neck cord and be displayed above the waist and be clearly visible at all times. All persons are required to maintain a graffiti free I.D. badge. If the I.D. badge is damaged, lost or stolen the student must purchase a new one.

Consequences for not wearing I.D. Badge:

1. Detention and contacting the parent/guardian.
2. For students with repeated offenses, a parent conference will be held and the student will be subject to suspension.

#### **Cold or Inclement Weather Clothing**

Coats, heavy jackets, and hats are not permitted in the classroom and must be placed in the student's locker prior to the start of the first period class. These articles are to remain in the locker throughout the school day. In the event of cold or inclement weather the following clothing items may be worn in class:

1. Garfield High School sport's team warm-up jackets that do not have a hood.
2. Long sleeve solid purple shirts can be worn under the uniform shirt.
3. Solid purple sweaters over the school uniform. (No hoods or brand logos other than Garfield)
4. A solid purple fleece with the district logo (Without a hood) over the school uniform.

Additionally, attire/accessories are prohibited as follows:

1. Loose and improperly fitted clothing that may get caught on objects or cause tripping.
2. Hooded sweatshirts will not be permitted during the school day. If worn as a jacket to school, they must be placed in the locker prior to the start of first period.
3. Sunglasses due to limited vision indoors.
4. Footwear that is loose, has untied laces or straps, or does not provide a firm walking surface and good balance. For example, flip-flops, heels, sandals, slides, bedroom slippers, and beach shoes are not permitted.
5. Fashion designed to exaggerate, emphasize, reveal, or call attention to anatomical details.
6. Messages via words or pictures on items that are lewd, obscene, drug oriented, profane, or infer violence/weapons. Any clothing, apparel or accessory which indicates membership in an unauthorized group, gang, or secret sorority/fraternity is not permitted.

Administrative decisions will be based on student safety or if deemed as a distraction.

#### **Miscellaneous Information**

Special situations need to be addressed on an individual basis. Health and safety factors arise in special situations (lab classes, field trips, physical education, etc.) that require temporary modifications. For these situations, a determination of proper attire for the activity will be determined by the classroom teacher and/or building administrator.

As students enter the building their attire will be scrutinized by security. Students who miss class due to improper attire will not be excused which may impact course credit.

Khaki shorts will be permitted between May 1 and October 1. The length must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Exceptions to the uniform dress code:

1. Religious reasons
2. Cases of hardship will be reviewed on an individual basis

3. Khaki skirts throughout the year (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee)

In all instances building administration shall have the final word on what is acceptable under the school's dress code.

#### Physical Education Requirements

Students are required to be appropriately dressed for their gym classes. All students must dress for gym classes unless they have a medical excuse. Students who submit an excuse by a parent for a single day excuse are required to dress but are permitted to sit in the stands. Refusal to dress or take gym shall result in marks being lowered a grade at a time. Thus, if a student has not dressed for gym four (4) times, his/her grade would be a failure. All athletes must take gym. Injured athletes shall dress and sit in the stands.

#### Physical Education Attire

PE attire must be school appropriate and fit appropriately. Clothing that is too tight or too loose will not be permitted. Undershirts are not permitted to be worn as T-shirts.

1. T-shirt/sweatshirt -- Can be Garfield sports t-shirts
2. Shorts/sweatpants - Absolutely no cut-offs or cargo pants.

It is a policy, that all valuables be given to the instructors or coaches. (Jewelry, etc. should be left at home.)

NOTE: The school will not assume responsibility for stolen or lost items.

#### IMPORTANT:

1. Students are expected to have their gym clothes laundered and in neat condition during the year.
2. Students are not permitted to wear clothes worn during gym to other classes, lunch, etc.