

## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

In order to promote school safety and provide a healthy and respectful educational environment, all students in grades kindergarten through four and Waggoner Road Middle School (Waggoner Road Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year only) shall adhere to this dress code policy. The objective of this dress code is to provide an appropriate, safe and respectful educational environment while allowing students to dress comfortably, within limits, to facilitate learning. The District expects students to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to students, teachers or the educational process of the schools. The final determination of a student's adherence to the dress code will be made by the school administration. Parents/guardians share equal responsibility with their child for the student's adherence to the dress code policy. Based on input received from principals, staff, and parents, the required dress code shall consist of the following clothing:

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. No clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence or is offensive or degrading.
2. No clothing associated with gangs.
3. No clothing that exposes underwear or inappropriate parts of the body.
4. No clothing long enough to drag the ground.
5. No top and bottom clothing that does not overlap.
6. No body piercing, except for ears.
7. No sunglasses unless prescribed in writing by a medical doctor for indoor wear.
8. No chain wallets.
9. No flip-flops, house shoes or slippers.

PANTS, SHORTS, CAPRIS, SKORTS

1. No clothing that is more than one inch larger or smaller than waist measurement.
2. No pajama pants.
3. No jogging pants, sweatpants, gym shorts or any kind of athletic clothing. (for fifth and sixth graders only)
4. No stretch knits, flannel or fleece. (for fifth and six graders only)
5. No skirts, shorts or skorts above the knee. (for fifth and sixth graders only)

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TOPS

1. No sleeveless tops.
2. No formfitting or oversize baggy shirts.
3. No low-cut, scoop or plunging necklines.
4. No fabrics so sheer as to allow underwear and/or inappropriate parts of the body to be visible.
5. No clothing with hoods to be worn inside the building.
6. No writing or pictures on tops, except for small logos. (for fifth and sixth graders only)
7. No coats or cold weather jackets inside the school during the school day.
8. This provision does not prohibit Reynoldsburg School District “spirit wear”.

HEAD COVERINGS

1. No hats, caps, scarves or headbands.
2. No head coverings except for religious purposes. The student (and if under the age of 18, the parent of the student) is to notify the school authorities of the religious practice prior to the start of the school year to prevent the students from being questioned about the attire.

Students who violate this policy are subject to the following disciplinary actions: A warning is issued and the student's parents/guardians are required to pick up a student or bring alternative clothing for the student to wear. If the student misses any class time due to a violation, the student's absence is considered unexcused. Repeated violations may result in other disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct, which may include, but not be limited to, detention, suspension and/or expulsion. Building administrators will make the final decision at the building level if a student's attire does not meet the requirements of this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I  
ORC 3313.20; 3313.665

CROSS REFS.: JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
JFCEA, Gangs  
Student Handbooks