

## **YOU WEAR IT WELL:** **DRESS GUIDELINES**

Oak Crest Middle School is an environment for learning and business. Student dress and appearance should reflect this image. Students are expected to exercise good judgment and good taste regarding their dress and grooming so as not to disrupt the educational environment. Students in violation of the dress policy will be subject to disciplinary action, parent contact and/or borrowing clothing from the office. Progressive discipline will be administered for subsequent violations.

Dress codes are reviewed and renewed as styles change and as students use clothes to make negative affiliations with outside groups or dress becomes a safety issue or school disruption. Administration reserves the right to alter or modify this dress code based on additional information regarding any safety issues of the campus. Students will be adequately notified of any changes, additions or modifications to the present code.

- Examples of unacceptable clothing and accessories (including backpacks and hats) and not allowed on campus are items that:
  - advertise and/or promote drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco products;
  - display foul or sexually suggestive language or symbols and/or weapons;
  - discriminate against race or sexual identity;
  - advertise and/or promote gang affiliation.
- The tops worn by both males and females should adequately cover the chest area and not expose chest, cleavage or the midriff area.
- Examples of inappropriate clothing include: Strapless tops, halter tops, swimming attire, tops that expose midriff skin, backless shirts, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, off the shoulder tops, crop tops, and sleeveless undershirts. Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Skirts and dresses are to be fingertip length when arms are straight at the side.
- Shorts are to be at least to the fist when arms are straight at the side.
- Pants are to be worn at the waist. Oversized pants and/or dangling belts are not allowed.
- Footwear must be worn at all times while on campus.
- Hats, caps, beanies, gloves and/or hoods must be removed immediately upon entering any buildings or classrooms.
- Wallet chains and bandannas are NOT allowed (worn or carried).
- Student appearance, including makeup, piercings, or jewelry, may not cause distractions or safety concerns in any way to the school environment.