

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mr. Sachs and Mrs. Lynch
Date: November 18, 2011
Subject: Dress Code Message



Your assistance, support and input are needed! Recently, we have received numerous concerns from our staff regarding the attire of our female eighth grade students. Our specific concerns are the neckline and revealing low-cut tops. Mrs. Lynch, along with several female teachers, will meet with all 8th grade female students in small groups next Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss the impact appropriate and inappropriate dress has on the learning environment. We hope to encourage a positive dialogue and clarify what is and is not acceptable for school. Emerald team ladies will meet on 11/22 at 12:00 and Sapphire team ladies will meet on 11/22 at 1:00. Gold team ladies will meet on 11/23 at 8:40.

If you have specific feedback you'd like to provide, please email or call either one of us prior to Tuesday afternoon. We welcome your involvement! Below you will find the dress code as described in our handbook. We would be grateful for your help in reviewing the highlighted items at home with your daughter.

Students are encouraged to dress in clothing appropriate for school. Students should come to school dressed neatly and appropriately so a safe and orderly educational environment is not disrupted. Any school dress which impairs safety or increases the risk of injury to self or others, and/or causes discomfort to others is prohibited, such as:

- *advertises or advocates the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, pornography,*
- *is libelous or inherently contains unreasonable potential to upset and hurt others,*
- *contains inappropriate language, and/or*
- *promotes or glorifies ideas or behaviors that undermine a positive learning environment.*

Restrictions on freedom of expression may be applied whenever the mode of dress is unsafe, disruptive or contrary to law. The following are some guidelines:

- ***Clothing which is immodest because of its tight fit or revealing nature is prohibited.***
- ***Clothing which exposes undergarments is prohibited.***
- *Pajamas/sleepwear are not conducive to a focused learning environment and are not permitted.*
- *Shorts, skirts and dresses should be no shorter than the length of the student's fingertips as they rest against their side.*
- *Shirts which expose the midriff or are bare-back are prohibited.*
- *Hats, bandanas, and other headwear are not allowed.*
- *Sunglasses are not to be worn inside.*
- *Coats/jackets are not to be worn inside the building. They must be kept in the lockers.*
- *Jewelry, or accessories which references drugs, alcohol and tobacco, or which contains indecent or inappropriate language, or which otherwise promotes or glorifies ideas or behaviors which disrupt the learning environment or which otherwise undermine a positive learning environment are prohibited.*