**DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

ALL students will abide by the following dress code guidelines:

1. Students are not permitted to wear garments with obscene, suggestive or offensive language, or drug, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage advertisements.

2. **SHIRTS**: Shirts, dresses, etc. warn as outer garments must be one strap that is at least three (3) inches wide at its narrowest section. Layering shirts to meet this requirement is not permitted. **Muscle shirts, halter-tops, or tank tops cannot be worn as outer garments.**

3. **SEE-THROUGH MATERIAL**: Students are not permitted to wear clothing that reveals undergarments or any inappropriate body areas. This includes shirts and/or blouses that are low-cut or made of see-through material. **The shirt and/or blouse must overlap the pants so that the midsection is not revealed even with the student’s arms raised.**

4. **SHORTS AND SKIRTS.** Students are permitted to wear dresses, skirts, shorts, etc., as long as the hem of the garment is **no more than five (5) inches from the bend of the knee.** For garments with splits, holes, etc., the length is measured from the top of that point. If the student has difficulty finding shorts that meet this requirement, the student may choose not to wear shorts, to wear pants, or to have pants altered to meet the required length for shorts. **Skirts, shorts and dresses are NOT measured by finger tips but by 5 inches from the bend in the back of the knee.**

5. **SAGGING PANTS.** Students are not permitted to wear pants with oversized legs or pants that drag the ground. Additionally, pants and shorts are to be worn at the natural waistline and cannot sag or reveal the undergarments.

6. **TIGHTS, LEGGINGS AND SPANDEX.** Students are not permitted to wear tights, spandex, leggings, jeggings or other form-fitting pants unless the student wears a top, shorts, or skirt that meets the length requirement for shorts as the outer garment **(5 inches from the bend of the knee).**

7. **PAJAMA PANTS.** Students are not permitted to wear pajama pants, pajama shirts, or bedroom slippers. This applies to ALL approved special dress-up days to include but not limited to Tacky Day.

8. Items that may cause injury to self or others (i.e., metal chains or heavy medallions) are not to be worn.

9. **HATS.** Students are strongly encouraged not bring hats or other head coverings to school. The **wearing of hats or other head coverings on school campus is not permitted** unless they are part of religious attire. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.

10. Shoes must be worn at all times; footwear deemed inappropriate will not be permitted. Bedroom slippers are not permitted.

11. Students are not permitted to display inappropriate markings on themselves or any items they have at school; **body piercing, other than in the ear, is not permitted.**

12. Students are not permitted to present themselves in any manner or possess any item that denotes membership in a gang, advocates drug use, violence, promiscuity, or disrupts or distracts from the learning environment. **NO bandanas or head coverings will be permitted.**

13. Students are not permitted to draw special attention to themselves in a way that can be deemed inappropriate or a disruption in the school environment (i.e., using face paints, applying stickers on the face, hands, arms, or legs, etc.).

Students who are in violation of the Dress Code will be required to comply in one of the following ways:

1. If changes cannot be made at school, the parent/guardian may be contacted.

2. If the parent/guardian is unable to bring clothes necessary for compliance, the student will spend the remainder of the day in In-School Suspension (ISS) as detention.

Continual Dress Code violations will result in further disciplinary action.