

Madison Middle and High School Dress Code

Students should dress for success. If students are to have an appropriate environment in which to learn and if parents and visitors are to have a favorable impression of our school, it is important that our students and staff dress in a manner that indicates their respect for one another and their appreciation that school is a place for work. The school Principal or Designee will be the final judge about whether a student's clothing is appropriate for school.

1. Students shall not wear distracting and/or inappropriate clothing, such as shirts with inappropriate wording, logos that are offensive and/or in bad taste, clothing that represents gang affiliation, or clothing that is a threat to a student's health and safety, etc. **Any items determined to be gang related will be confiscated and will not be returned.**
2. Students shall not wear shoes without a hard sole (no slippers), hoods, bandannas, hats, gloves, and/or sunglasses at school. This is enforced both in class and in the hallways.
3. Students shall not wear shirts and blouses that expose the midriff, and/or have a low neckline that exposes cleavage. All garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline or stay tucked.
4. Male students must wear shirts that have sleeves. **Sleeveless shirts for females are permitted if the material covering the shoulder is at least 3 inches wide and all undergarments are covered. Shirts should be buttoned up front in a normal manner and cover the back completely.** No cut-off t-shirts are permitted.
5. **Leggings, jeggings, and spandex-type bottoms (yoga pants, compression leggings, etc.) are not permitted unless worn underneath: shorts (within six inches of the top of the kneecap), skirts or tops (within four inches of the top of the kneecap) that comply with the dress code.**
6. Shorts must be in good taste and not shorter than either the end of one's fingertips (**fingertip length**) when the arms are placed in a relaxed manner at one's side **or within six inches** of the top of the kneecap. Compression shorts, stretch spandex shorts, or thermal underwear are not permitted on or under clothing.
7. Skirts **must be in good taste** and **within four inches** of the top of the kneecap.
8. **Pants must be worn at the waist (top of the hip bone).** Pants that do not stay at the waist are considered inappropriate school attire. All undergarments must be covered.
9. Jeans, pants, or shorts with frays, holes, cuts, or slits above the knee are not permitted.
10. Undergarments/Sleepwear/Loungewear may not be visible and/or worn as outer garments.

11. Students shall not wear jackets during the school day (dress up attire excluded). A jacket is defined as any loose-fitting top capable of concealing or obscuring objects. In addition, students shall not wear gloves during class. (The classroom teacher when environmental conditions are extreme will exercise professional discretion.)
12. Students shall not wear chains of any sort, including but not limited to chains attached to wallets. Any chain brought to school will be considered a dangerous weapon as previously defined.
13. Students shall not carry backpacks, **purses**, or duffle-bags to and from class except for physical education courses.

Classroom teachers are required to send students not complying with this dress code directly to the office. Absences from class will be unexcused. If student's clothing does not meet the above dress code, they will be given the opportunity to change without consequence. Students refusing to cooperate will receive disciplinary action. Repeat violators may be suspended at the discretion of administration.