



## Basic Standard of Appearance Guidelines for All Students

- Apparel advertising tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, and/or offensive slogans is not acceptable attire at school or school-sponsored activities. Clothes making statements with sexual innuendoes are not allowed.
  - The wearing of clothing, jewelry, or a style of grooming that is identified with membership in a gang will not be tolerated in school or at any school-sponsored activity. Apparel that interferes with or endangers oneself or others while participating in school or school-sponsored activities is not allowed.
  - Clothing must be clean, pressed, and free of holes, tears, and frays.
  - Dress will not be worn that causes or is likely to cause the disruption of the educational process.
  - The final decision as to the safety or suitability of clothing, hair, or jewelry will be left up to the principal or designee.
  - No denim, camouflage, or leather material allowed (exception is Vanguard letterman jackets)
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## Hair

- May not distract from the learning environment
- Must be maintained in a clean, neat, and professional manner at all times
- Must remain out of the face and away from the eyes
- Men's hair that extends to the top of the shoulder or below must be pulled back.
- Only natural colors are allowed.
- No radical styles or colors
  - No undercuts
  - No mohawks or faux hawks
  - No design/pattern cuts, symbols, or shapes of any kind shaved on the head
- No pompadour cuts (shaved on one or both sides but long on top)
- No angular fringe
- Guidelines for hair pulled into a bun:
  - No top of the head knots (low or high on the back of the head only)
  - No undercut or partially pulled back hair (full bun only)
  - Must be well groomed and tight to the head (not loose)

## Facial Hair

- May not distract from the learning environment and must be well groomed
  - No radical styles (e.g., braided and/or pony-tailed beards)
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## Jewelry

- Modest jewelry is allowed that does not distract from the learning environment.
  - An object that has a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (i.e., chains or collars).
  - No more than three necklaces may be worn at one time.
  - No more than three bracelets may be worn on each wrist.
  - No more than three rings may be worn on each hand.
  - Earrings, ear cuffs, bars, gauges, or gauge-like earrings may not be worn.
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## Tattoos, Makeup, Body Piercing

- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
    - No intentionally created marks should be visible on the skin.
    - No pierced jewelry may be worn.
    - No body art, including drawing or writing on skin made by the student with a writing utensil
    - No nail polish
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## Pants

- **No jeans, denim, or leather of any type or color. No faux blue jeans.**
- Pants must fit the waistline and not sag in the crotch.
- The cuff of the pants may not touch the ground but must touch the top of the shoe.
- No oversized pants. Pants may not be so large that the shoelaces cannot be seen.
- Pants may not be excessively tight or show any descriptive lines of the body (not skin-tight).
- Sweatpants, warm-ups, pajama pants, and jersey (t-shirt fabric) pants are not allowed.
- Pants may be one solid color, striped, or plaid (e.g., no camouflage, no mixed striped/plaid or patchwork) without screen printing or faded areas.
- Pants must be in good repair.

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**Shorts**

- **No jeans, denim, or leather of any type or color**
- Shorts must fit the waistline and not sag in the crotch.
- The cuff of the shorts must be at maximum 2 inches from the top of the kneecap when standing.
- Spandex or tight-fitting shorts are not allowed.
- No athletic shorts.
- Shorts may be one solid color, striped, or plaid (e.g., no camouflage) without screen printing or faded areas.

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**Shirts**

- Shirts must have collars and be buttoned to the mid-sternum. No undershirt designs may be visible.
- Sweaters must have a collar or be worn over a collared shirt or under a blazer.
- All shirt collars are to be folded down.
- No shirts that are excessively tight or baggy, and no holes or tears
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- For shirts not tucked in, the tails may not hang below the crotch. Longer shirts must be tucked in.
- Patterned shirts are allowed; shirts with screen printing are not allowed.
- Any logos or sewn words must be on the front in the upper corner near the shoulder. No large logos across the chest are allowed.
- Hooded clothing of any kind is not allowed.

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**Outerwear**

- Outerwear (i.e., coats, jackets, hoodies, fleece, hats, scarves, or gloves) shall be removed after entering the building.
- Vanguard letterman jackets may be worn in the building as well as Vanguard spirit wear that has a collar and is quarter-zip (not to include windbreaker-type jackets).
- Fleece-collared outerwear that has a quarter-zip may also be worn.

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**Undergarments**

- No undergarments may show at any time, nor should they be worn as outer garments.

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**Hats and Sunglasses**

- May only be worn outside of the building
- Sunglasses may not be worn on the head.
- Hats include visors and bandannas.

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**Shoes**

- Required at all times
- Athletic sandals with a heel strap may be worn.
- No slippers, flip flops, slides, Croc-style, or Birkenstock-style sandals
- No writing on shoes
- Shoelaces must match

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**Physical Education**

- Separate attire should be used for P.E., including athletic shoes and socks. (*see P.E. syllabus*)

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**Vanguard Sportswear**

- Vanguard sportswear (team windbreakers, sweatshirts, etc.) may be worn at specific times with prior approval from the principal.

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**Special Events**

- For special events (musical performances, graduation, baccalaureate, etc.) the school may require more formal attire. Guidelines will be published for such events.
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**Students not adhering to the dress code will not be allowed to attend class until they are wearing proper attire.**

**The final decision as to the safety or suitability of any dress code issue will be left up to the principal or designee.**