

ORCHARD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
HOME OF THE VIKINGS!



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DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale and Purpose

We believe that creating a comfortable and professional learning environment is an important step in order to accomplish our mission of educating students to be their best IN and FOR the world. Therefore, students are expected to dress in an appropriate fashion when coming to school. Clothing items identified as inappropriate in our dress code policy create unnecessary disruptions in the learning environment and, in some cases, may lead to a potential safety hazard. Our goal is to help students be fully present and focused on academics, not fashion, within the classroom setting in order to get the most out of their education.

Dress Code Policy

The items below outline what types of clothes are acceptable within our dress code

- Bottoms: Pants, skirts, and shorts are permissible. Pants may not “sag,” have excessive rips, or be skin tight (like yoga pants—unless the person wears a longer shirt that extends far below the waist line). Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length.
- Tops: Most shirt styles are acceptable. However, a sleeveless shirt must have a shoulder covering that is three fingers in width in order to cover the majority of the shoulder. Spaghetti strap shirts, shirts with revealing necklines, or shirts that reveal the stomach are not allowed.
- Content: Clothing may not include content related to sex, violence, alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, or content that has the reasonable potential to cause disruption to the learning environment.
- Head Gear: Hoods, bandanas, and do-rags may not be worn.

If a student is in violation of the dress code, the following steps will be taken:

1. The student will be asked to correct the dress code infraction if possible
2. If the student cannot correct the infraction, he/she will be sent to the office. If the office has OLMS attire for the student to wear for the day, it will be provided. If necessary, the student will call home to get appropriate clothing and return to class once the infraction is corrected
3. Repeated infractions will result in disciplinary consequences:
 - a. Violation 1: Lunch Detention
 - b. Violation 2: After School Detention
 - c. Violation 3 and Beyond: Restorative practices, community service, and/or other potential consequences

Responsibilities of Students

- Wear appropriate clothing that follows the dress code guidelines
- Dress for academic success
- Follow the instructions of the staff when in violation of the dress code

Responsibilities of Parents

- Remind your child of the dress code and ensure that he/she is adhering to it
- Bring appropriate clothing to school if you get a call from your child explaining that he/she violated the dress code

Responsibilities of Teachers

- Remind students of the dress code
- If a student is in violation of the dress code, ask them to correct the infraction immediately if possible. If correcting the infraction is not possible, send students in violation of the dress code to the office (call the office to let them know a student is on the way)

Responsibilities of Counselors, Administrators, and Office Secretary

- If a student is sent to the office for a dress code violation, provide OLMS attire that helps correct the dress code violation OR have the student call a parent to bring appropriate clothing to school
- Enforce consequences for students who repeatedly violate the dress code

Meeting Authentic Needs

Both teachers and students need a professional learning environment that helps us maximize the level of focus we have in our building.

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