

DRESSING FOR SCHOOL

Students are encouraged to dress for the weather and to be prepared for emergencies (ex. school bus breakdowns, fire alarms, earthquakes, etc.). This means that coats, hats, gloves and boots are needed for the winter months. We do not have *inside days* for rain or wind *unless* it is extreme and dangerous.

Clothing worn at school must be suitable for the school setting. As such it should:

- be neat and clean;
- be selected to support students' activities and comfort (ex. shoes should be safe for physical activity);
- cover bellies, butts, chests, shoulders and backs; and,
- not make reference to sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, gang activity, violent acts, profanity, and so on.

Hats and sunglasses are to be worn outside only. For reasons of safety and hygiene, shoes are to be worn at all times.

We do not wish to make anyone feel uncomfortable and do not wish to cause shame to a student who might wear something in conflict with the school dress expectations. If a student wears an unacceptable item to school, we will seek the simplest most reasonable solution (ex. have him or her turn a shirt inside-out). If there isn't a simple solution, parents will be contacted so they may bring a replacement item to school.

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