

## CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Below you will find clarification on what articles of clothing can and can not be worn to school. This list is being provided to you so that there will be no confusion as to what is appropriate and what is not appropriate. Below there is also a reminder regarding what the consequences will be when a student violates the dress code.

1. Footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear that is considered unsafe such as, loose sandals, flip flops, shower shoes, wheelie shoes and the like, is not permitted.
2. Hats or other head coverings, except in the case of religious observance, may not be worn in the building. Exceptions can occur on specific school spirit days such as "hat day."
3. Each student must dress in a manner that does not attract undue attention. Shorts and skirts should not be a distraction. As a general rule, shorts/skirts should not be shorter than the length of your fingertips when your arms are at your sides.
4. Clothing should not be tight, revealing or suggestive. Belly shirts, tube tops, strapless tops, backless sundresses, tank tops, halter tops, off the shoulder blouses, see-through tops, pants that reveal underwear, etc. are not permitted. At no time, should a student's undergarments be visible nor should any skin be visible between the bottom of the student's shirt and the top of his/her pants/skirt.
5. No clothing may be worn that promotes illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco products. In addition, clothing with messages or graphics deemed offensive, profane, violent, derogatory or otherwise inappropriate is not permitted.

Upon a student's first violation of the dress code a warning is issued and the student must change whatever clothing is in violation. A second infraction is punished by a detention and once again the student will have to change the clothing that offends the dress code. If the student violates the dress code a third time he/she will receive an in school suspension. Should a student violate the dress code after a third incident he/she will be removed from school until such time as a meeting can be scheduled with the student, his/her parents and the principal.

Students are expected to comply with the dress code. If a student is sent to the office by a teacher for violating the dress code he/she is expected to cooperate and not argue with the teacher. Challenging a teacher's authority will bring more serious consequences than violating the dress code.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-1