

## Chapa Middle School Dress Code

The Principal is entitled to interpret and administer the dress and grooming code to prohibit clothing or grooming that, in the principal's discretion, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption or interfere with normal school operations.

The Principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of extracurricular activities, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. A student who violates such a standard may be subject to disciplinary action, including removal or exclusion from the activity for a period determined by the principal, his/her designee or sponsor.

If an administrator determines that the student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected (i.e., until parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing). Repeated offenses will result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases. In any case concerning dress code, the principal or his designee's decision is FINAL.

All clothing, backpacks, book covers, etc., must not depict or reference alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images, and/or insults to race, religion, gender or ethnicity, or other emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a material or substantial disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.

The dress code is intended to help promote a learning-centered atmosphere. Appropriate modesty is necessary at school and we ask students and parents to be mindful, when purchasing/selecting school attire, that the dictates of popular fashion are often not consistent with school expectations. A student should dress in a manner that demonstrates pride in personal appearance and pride in Chapa Middle School.

### Skirts, Dresses, Skorts

- **Must be LONGER than mid-thigh and should NOT be** overly tight or revealing

### Shorts

- **Must be LONGER THAN mid-thigh**
- May not be overly tight or revealing
- Belt line must fall between the natural waist line and top of hip (must not sag)

### Pants/Slacks

- Belt line must fall between the natural waist line and top of hip (must not sag)
- May not be dragging or cover the entire shoe
- Tight fitting pants (e.g. tights, spandex, bicycle pants, etc.) are prohibited
- Pajama pants are prohibited

### Shirts and Blouses

- All top hems must meet at the waist. Midribs and lower backs must not be visible while standing or sitting.
- Jackets, blouses, and/or tops may not be worn to cover up dress code violations
- Must be worn appropriately
- Cutting out of sleeves of shirts or sweatshirts is prohibited
- Must not be overly tight, revealing, or low-cut
- Transparent tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, cropped tops or any type of clothing that exposes the midriff or the back are prohibited
- Sleeveless shirts may be worn as long as the shoulder seams are at least THREE inches wide and cover all undergarments (NO TANK TOPS or MUSCLE SHIRTS).
- Underclothing should not be directly visible under outer clothing.
- Items of apparel that are not designed to be worn as outer clothing shall not be worn as outer clothing, regardless of color (e.g. boxers).
- **All shirts must be buttoned.**

### Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- House slippers and steel-toed boots are prohibited
- Taps, cleats, or any type of metal, plastic, or rubber devices attached to the soles or other parts of the shoes, which might cause damage to floors or create disturbances, are not to be worn.

### Hair

- Hairstyle and length must not cause a safety hazard (e.g. spiked), distraction (mohawk) and/or disturbance to the educational setting.
- Unnatural hair colors are not permitted (e.g. purple, pink, green, blue, etc.).
- Highlights are permitted as long as they are a natural hair color (e.g. blonde, brown, etc.).

### Jewelry/Accessories

- All visible body piercing (e.g. nose, lip, tongue, etc.) is prohibited except for rings, studs or other traditional jewelry worn in the ear. **Absolutely no facial piercing will be allowed, covered or uncovered.**
- Chain-like necklaces, spikes, wallet chains, and safety pins which may be used as a weapon are not permitted.
- Due to safety concerns, the principal or designee may prohibit oversized coats (e.g. trench coats) or any other oversized clothing.
- Tattoos are to be covered at all time. **No face painting or stickers on face.**
- Sunglasses cannot be worn or displayed in the building from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Head Coverings

- NO head coverings may be worn in the building from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., e.g. caps, hats, bandanas, sweatbands, shirt/jacket hoods, etc.