



Student Dress Code / Appearance

In compliance with the Illinois School Code Section 10-22.25b, the Regional Safe School Program implemented this dress code after extensive research regarding dress codes and surveys conducted at parent/student/ teacher conferences. Students attending school appropriately attired without distractions are better prepared for success at school. To promote a more effective learning environment, maintain the orderly process, eliminate or reduce gang activity, foster school unity and pride, foster self-esteem, improve student performance, and to ensure that a student's dress is neither disruptive to the educational process nor a threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of self or others, the following standards are in effect and must be complied with by all students and enforced at the discretion of the Program:

1. **Clothing in General:** All clothing must be worn in the manner and for the purpose it is designed. Clothes must be clean and neat. Students must be able to pass undetected through the metal detector. Students are not allowed to use any part of their attire to show gang affiliation or drug references (including but not limited to colors, logos, and/or designs). All clothing must be free of lewd, vulgar, or inappropriate designs, images, and/or references.
2. **Modesty:** Skin must be covered from collar to knees and all undergarments must not be visible.
3. **Masks:** Masks are optional. If worn, masks must be plain in color, disposable, or made of cloth without exhalation valves. Students must wear the mask over their nose and mouth and secure it under their chin. No other types of face coverings such as bandanas, scarves, or gaiter sleeves.
4. **Shirt or Top:** Solid color top with sleeves, no hoods, patterns, or designs. All shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts must conform to the modesty expectation above.
5. **Pants:** Only full-length pants, no pajama pants, shorts, or skirts. Pants must be a solid color and must fit around the natural waistline. Jeans are NOT allowed.
6. **Shoes:** Closed-toe shoes at all times. Sneakers or tennis shoes are preferred, including high tops. Shoes with gang-related symbols or designs, heels, steel-toed footwear, sandals, slides, or slippers are not allowed.
7. **Hats, Scarves, & Gloves:** May be worn outdoors only and must be placed inside your coat/jacket in the designated area. These items may not represent any gang affiliation or inappropriate content.
8. **Coats & Jackets:** Coats and jackets must be checked upon arrival at the building and stored during the school day, unless participating in an outside event.

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9. **Hair:** Hair must be appropriately cut and groomed in a presentable fashion. Bobby pins, barrettes, metal hair ornaments, scarves, do-rags, and bonnets may not be worn.
 10. **Nails:** Short nails are preferred for safety and health reasons. Nails must be appropriately groomed/cut to allow for functional use of classroom materials. Nails must not bring undue attention to the individual or must not disrupt the educational environment.
 11. **Jewelry:** Students may wear stud piercings only. Any body piercing that presents a safety issue or sets off the metal detector will not be allowed. Dangling earrings, necklaces, chains, watches, bracelets, and rings are not allowed.
 12. **Tattoos:** Tattoos must not pose a disruption or safety concern at school. Students must cover any tattoos that are obscene, sexual, derogatory, gang- or drug-related symbols or words.
 13. **Makeup:** Makeup is allowed to be worn in moderation and must not bring undue attention to the individual or must not disrupt the educational environment. Excessive/distracting makeup will be considered a dress code violation. Makeup, other than lip balm in a plastic applicator, is not allowed to be brought to school.
 14. **Additional Supplies:** Any required personal hygiene products may be carried to school in a brown paper bag with the student's name on the outside of the bag. Students are not allowed to bring over the counter medications, lotions, sprays, perfume or cologne, or hair products to school.
 15. **Items not allowed:** Belts; pajama pants; sunglasses; headgear; watches, chains, pins, or jewelry of any kind; heavy keychains; cell phones, electronic devices, backpacks, purses, wallets, brushes or combs, and gum.
 16. **Money:** Students are not allowed to carry any cash.

The clothing items required by the BASE Learning Program dress code can be found at most department stores such as: Kohl's, Target, Walmart, Old Navy, etc. Any parent/guardian who objects to this dress code for religious reasons or has difficulty financially with compliance may schedule an appointment with the principal to discuss any objections or difficulties and possibly obtain assistance.

Any student violating the above dress standards will be subject to disciplinary measures. Continued neglect of the dress code may warrant student dismissal.