

MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL

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SUBJECT: *Student Dress Code*

Dear Parents and Students:

The dress code was developed in order to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning and to provide our students with guidelines to facilitate appropriate decision-making skills. The struggle of students to express their individuality by conforming to the current trends of their peer groups is understandable and predictable; however, it may not always be appropriate for the educational environment.

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance.

Please review the following guidelines with your children. These guidelines can be found in the ***Miller Place Code of Student Conduct, Rights, & Responsibilities***. A student's dress, grooming, and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails shall be as follows:

- *Be safe, appropriate, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.*
- *Recognize that extremely brief garments or garments designed to expose midriffs such as tube tops, halter tops, plunging necklines (front and/or back), see-through garments, short skirts, short shorts, and other garments like these that are excessively revealing are not appropriate.*
- ***Skirts and shorts need to be of appropriate length. Skirts, skorts, or shorts must be mid-thigh.***
- *Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.*
- *Footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.*
- *Items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability are prohibited.*
- *Student's dress may not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.*

Students who violate the student dress code will be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, or by replacing it with an acceptable item. In addition to modifying their appearance, students who violate the student dress code will be subject to the following disciplinary procedures:

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| 1st Offense | • <i>Warning, parents notified.</i> |
| 2nd Offense | • <i>Two days detention</i> |
| Repeated Offense | • <i>1 day suspension</i> |

Any student who refuses to modify their appearance will remain in the In School Suspension Room for the remainder of the day and will be subject to the above disciplinary procedures.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please help us continue to maintain a safe and productive environment for the students of Miller Place High School. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact the Main Office at 474-2723.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Slavin
Principal