

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE 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, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, 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 should not be more than 3 inches above the knee. Shorts shall extend to the tip of the fingertips when both arms are extended by the side. Skorts will follow the rule stated for shorts.***
- *Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.*
- *Must have footwear on at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.*
- *Due to safety concerns, students may not cover their heads/faces, during school hours, except for medical or religious purposes. This includes but is not limited to hoodies, bandannas, masks or skull-caps.*
- *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 may be subject to disciplinary actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please help us continue to maintain a safe and productive environment for the students of the North Country Road Middle School. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact the Main Office at 474-2710.

Sincerely,

Matthew Clark

Matthew Clark
Principal