

SCHOOL CLOTHING AND APPEARANCE

Parent Guidelines for Student Dress

(Reference: Code of Conduct Rule #6)

Good grooming is important not only because of the impression made upon others but because of the effect dress has upon the students' attitudes and actions. Students attending the Chardon Schools are expected to dress and groom themselves in good taste. Administrative standards will be substituted for parental freedom of choice and responsibility only when the manner of dress becomes disruptive to the educational process. We depend on and appreciate when a parent monitors the clothing their child wears to school.

Clothing should be appropriate for school and in good repair. It should be neat, clean, and free of (excessive or disruptive) holes. No item of clothing may be worn which displays ads or promotions for alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or any other drug, or which advocates violence or use of force against any institution, individual, racial, ethnic, or cultural group, or displays inappropriate or offensive language or images.

Shirts

Bare midriffs, halter tops, strapless tops, mesh shirts, tops with "spaghetti straps," muscle shirts, tank tops and transparent shirts are not permitted. *Necklines of tops, shirts, blouses, etc. must be appropriate so as not to cause a disruption or a distraction to the school day.*

Pants

Belts should be worn with loose pants. Pants are expected to be worn at the waist without any exposure of undergarments. Pants should not be so long as to create a safety concern of tripping. Pants that have excessive or disruptive holes, frays, or tears are not permitted. Clingy, revealing or form fitting pants are not allowed. **This includes spandex, yoga pants, and leggings worn solely as pants.**

Skirts, skorts, shorts

Shorts are allowed, weather permitting, but must be appropriate and in good taste. As a general rule, shorts, skorts, and skirts must be long enough to reach mid-thigh. Clingy, revealing or form fitting skirts, skorts, or shorts should not be worn. Spandex is not allowed.

Footwear

Shoes must be worn in school. No footwear which damages school floors may be worn. Shoelaces must be tied. Heelies (shoes with wheels) are prohibited.

Hair

Hair dye of any kind which results in a color that causes disruption of school or the educational process is not permitted. This includes streaks of color. Hair must also be styled in a manner that does not cause a disruption of school or the educational process.

Hats

Hats are not permitted to be worn in the building during school hours and may be confiscated with no promise of return. This includes scarves and bandannas.

Outdoor Clothing

Outdoor clothing is to be kept in the locker and is not to be worn in school.

Other

No item of apparel with spikes or metal brads is permitted. No chains may be hanging from pockets or wallets. Apparel of any kind which reveals an undergarment is not permitted.

***Administrative discretion will prevail in all instances of dress which do not fall under the above guidelines.**