

## Dress Code

Orange Grove Middle School encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health and welfare of self and others. The dress and grooming of Orange Grove's students contributes to the health and safety of the individual, promotes a positive educational environment and does not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. In all cases clothing may not be worn with vulgar and/or violent messages or pictures, gang oriented insignias, satanic/negative symbols, illegal substances, beer/alcohol, cigarettes or otherwise inappropriate design.

The following dress guidelines should be followed at all times:

**Footwear** must be worn at all times.

**Sunglasses** may not be worn indoors (must be stored away), unless a medical condition necessitates glasses being worn indoors.

**Accessories** such as linked chains, collars and headphones may not be worn. Costumes are not permitted at any time unless specifically for a class and then should only be worn during that activity.

### **Pants, Shorts and Skirts:**

- Belted, anchored or fitted at the waist.
- No jean rips above the end of one's thumb, no rips, no tears, excessive bagging, sagging or ill-fitting (size appropriate).
- Must be visible and not completely covered by a shirt/jacket.
- Shorts must be at or longer than the **end of the student's thumb** when arms are straight down at their sides.
- Leggings are not allowed unless worn underneath shorts/skirts/dresses/long shirts.
- Underwear will not be showing.

### **Tops, Shirts & Sweatshirts:**

- Midribs, half shirts, fishnet, see-through, strapless, halter tops, spaghetti straps, or similar clothing are not allowed.
- No undergarments should be showing.
- Clothing that exposes the midsection or underclothing (underclothing would be bras/camisoles/ bandeaus) are not appropriate. Tops must be high enough in the front to cover chest area.
- Sleeveless tops must have at least a one and a half to two-inch width strap at the shoulder and must be long enough to be tucked in. Razor back shirts are okay if they are worn with a tank top underneath.
- Jackets used as shirts are fine if a tee shirt is underneath.

### **Hats:**

- Are not allowed indoors
- Must be worn appropriately (brim facing forward or backward not to the side).
- Students may not wear do-rags, or bandanas.

### **Belts:**

- Must be entirely looped (no part of the belt may hang).
- No wallet chains.
- All clothing must be worn as intended. If students come dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to change. Parents may be called to bring clothes or to take the student home to change. Repeated dress code violators will be given consequences according to the school policy described on the next page.

### **Consequences:**

1. First period teacher reports the inappropriate dress and the student is called to SOAR. Student changes into appropriate clothing. SOAR monitor documents the infraction and a letter is sent home to the parent or the parent is called.
2. First period teacher again reports the inappropriate dress by notifying the SOAR monitor and the parent is phoned. SOAR monitor writes a referral for defiance of authority. Student changes into appropriate clothing. SOAR monitor documents infraction.
3. First period teacher reports the inappropriate dress by notifying the SOAR monitor who notifies principal/assistant principal. Student changes into appropriate clothing. Principal/assistant principal notifies parent by phone. Student is placed in in-school suspension or after school detention and a parent conference is set up.