

Orange Grove Middle School Dress Code

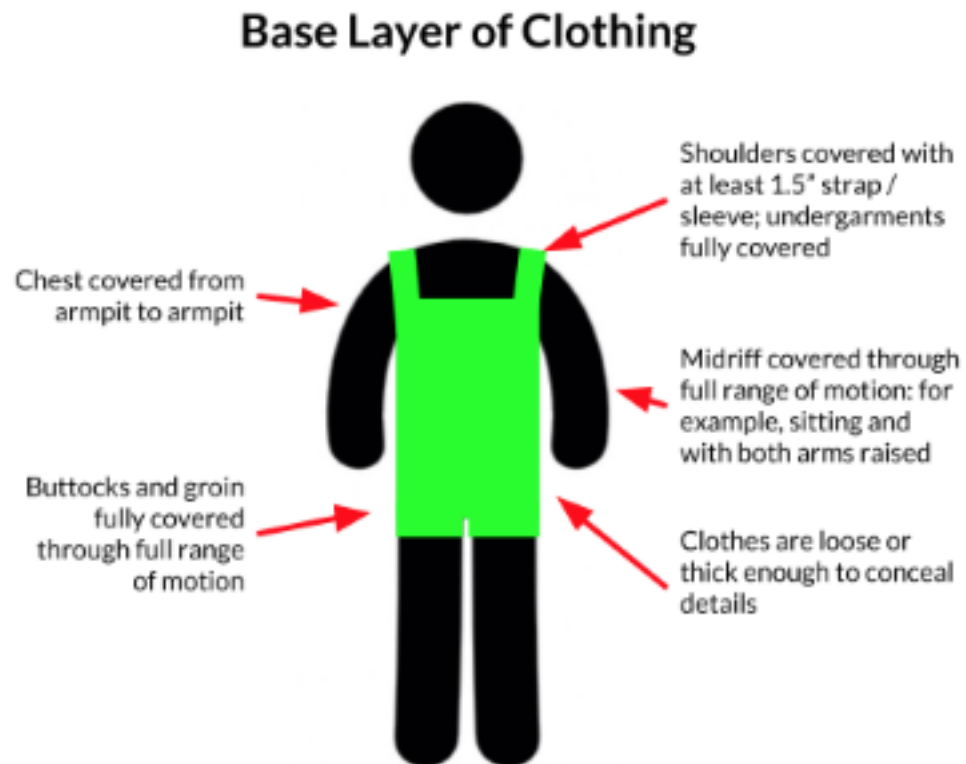
Our focus is academic learning. We expect you to wear clothing that demonstrates pride and is safe and appropriate for an academic setting. Our dress code is neutral with respect to gender; the same rules apply to all clothing and all students.

Clothing must be safe:

You need to be able to safely participate in all academic activities, and be able to move safely about campus. Any clothing that poses a safety risk must be changed.

Clothing must be appropriate for a middle-school setting:

- Your base layer of clothing must cover you in a variety of situations that may be required in a classroom – sitting cross-legged or on the floor, kneeling, bending over, reaching out, raising hands, etc.
- Your base layer of clothing should fully cover all undergarments.



Apparel considered inappropriate or disruptive includes but is not limited to:

- Clothing that displays vulgar or offensive pictures/language, tobacco or alcohol products, or references to illegal substances
- Immodest, see-through, or revealing clothing
- Loose or sagging pants, dangling belts or chains
- Shirt or shorts/pants that do not cover all undergarments
- Apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of dress or grooming that by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute that indicates or implies membership of a gang.

Bottom Garment - Pants, Shorts and Skirts:

- Must be belted, anchored or fitted at the waist, and completely cover undergarments.
- Must be intact and appropriately sized: no jean rips above the level of the crotch or pockets, may not be excessively baggy, sagging or ill-fitting.
- Must be visible and not completely covered by a shirt/jacket.
- Must cover groin and bottom, through all ranges of movement and postures.
- Yoga pants and leggings are acceptable if they are appropriate in terms of thickness and body coverage, and do not reveal anatomical details or information about undergarments.

Top Garment - Tops and Shirts:

- Tops must be high enough in the front to cover the chest area from armpit to armpit.
- Tops must cover the midriff: they must overlap at least 2 inches with bottom garment and they must allow full range of motion with good coverage – you must be able to raise both of your hands, and also sit down and lean forward over a desk without exposing your midriff or sides.
- Midriffs, half-shirts, fishnet, strapless, halter tops, bandeaus, spaghetti straps, camisoles, or similar items of clothing are not allowed.
- Tops must have at least a one-and-a-half-inch-wide strap or sleeve at the shoulder. Racerback or similar shirts are acceptable if they completely cover undergarments.
- When a jacket, sweatshirt, cardigan, or similar is worn over a shirt, the base layer shirt must always be dress code appropriate.

Hats:

- Hats and head coverings must be removed when entering any building, unless they are being worn as part of a religious observance or as a medical necessity. We encourage families whose children will be wearing head coverings for religious or medical reasons to communicate with the front office or administration so that we can be aware of the purpose for the head covering.
- Hats must be worn appropriately (brim facing forward or backward - not to the side).
- Students may not wear do-rags or bandanas.

Belts & Accessories:

- Must not present a safety risk - items which are dangling, or which could be snagged or tangled (like wallet chains or dangling necklaces) are not safe.
- Belts must be entirely looped (no part of the belt may hang).
- Sunglasses must be removed and stored away indoors, unless a medical condition necessitates sunglasses being worn indoors.

Footwear:

- Must be safe – we have many stairs and ramps that students have to negotiate:
 - Heels 1.5 inches or lower
 - Laces must be tied or tucked, not loose
- Students must wear or bring appropriate footwear for PE every day.

Clothing for Physical Education / Health Class:

- Students must change their clothes for PE
 - Grey shirt
 - Black shorts (leggings may be worn underneath)
 - Closed-toe shoes with laces / velcro closings (no slip-ons)

Clothing that must be adjusted, stretched, or repositioned to remain in dress code is in violation of dress code. Students who must pull up pants, pull down shirt hems, roll down shorts, or slide sleeves over shoulders, for example, are out of dress code.

If you wear clothing that is out of dress code, you will be sent to SOAR (the Students' Opportunity for Achievement Room) to review dress code policy. You will change into your PE uniform, or a clean "loaner" uniform. Repeated dress code violators will be assigned other consequences.