

DRESS TO LEARN POLICY

Standley Middle School respects students' rights to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Standley must respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a middle school educational environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and the adults that supervise them. This policy intends to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents.

Minimum Requirements:

1. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down at least 4 inches in length on the upper thighs (see images below). Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the 4 inches in length. Undergarments may not be seen.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment that are closed toed with heel strap (bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the staff).
3. See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
4. Headgear including hats and caps are not allowed in class unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration. They may be worn out of class if it does not impede view of the face from any angle (hoods are never allowed to be worn on campus for supervision reasons).
5. Some classes may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Additional Requirements:

1. Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
4. Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.
5. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
6. Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
7. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

The administration reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing.

