DRESS CODE

In keeping with Griffin’s desire to promote student self-esteem and self-respect, students are to come to school dressed in appropriate, neat, clean outfits that are not disruptive, distracting, or in violation of the dress code. All students are encouraged to observe a standard of grooming and dress consistent with the level of formality of the school situation. Students will be required to adhere to the following dress code:

- Pants must fit above the hips with no undergarments visible.
- Pants with holes above the knee are prohibited, unless there are lights, leggings, or other garments underneath which hides skin from being seen.
- Leggings/leggings can only be worn with a top that completely covers their buttocks.
- Shorts need to be finger-tip length when hands are at side.
- Necklines of shirts/blouses/jeans may not be low cut, and under no circumstances is the neckline to be cut low enough to be revealing.
- Skirt/dress length must come no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Slits in skirts must be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shirts/blouses/jeans must not be see-through or reveal the midriff.
- Appropriates shoes must be worn at all times. Flip flops, slides, and bedroom shoes are prohibited because of safety issues when moving around the building.

Students who are out of dress code have several options:

1. Call a parent to bring an appropriate clothing item(s).
2. Or if parents cannot bring a change of clothing, then student will stay in ISS for the rest of that school day.

Prohibited Items (inclusive of, but not limited to the following)

- Saggy pants. No undergarments may show at any time.
- Caps, hats, bandannas, dais, or other head covering.
- Clothing or ornaments displaying or advertising substances and/or activities illegal for minors.
- Clothing or ornaments that have suggestive phrases, designs, markings, or profanities.
- Grill or other mouth ornaments.
- Wallet chains.
- Clothing that exposes underwear or could otherwise be considered immodest.
- Spandex/Bicycle shorts.
- Sunglasses in the building.
- Paint, markers, crayons, colored hair spray, etc. applied to hair while at school.
- Tank tops/bra tops, strapless garments, and low-cut or sleeveless athletic shirts.
- Bedroom slippers or heels.
- Blankets, stuffed animals or sleepwear [PJs].
- Belts that hang. Belts must be kept around the waist.
- Clothing which, in the judgment of the school, calls undue attention to an individual or interferes with the planned educational program may not be worn at school.

The school reserves the right to make judgments in individual situations. Students and parents are asked to cooperate with the school. Students who violate the policy will be required to change clothes before being permitted to return to class. Those who will not or cannot correct their dress will be isolated for the day. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

Note of Caution to Students: if you think you might get in trouble for wearing an item, then do NOT wear it!