**Tapp Middle School Dress Code for the 2022-2023 School Year**

**All students shall maintain the following minimum standard of dress:**

- Appropriate shoes shall be worn. No house shoes or bedtime slippers will be allowed.
- Midriffs shall be covered. Shirts should always be the appropriate length and at no point should we see a student’s stomach/belly.
- Undergarments should not be visible. No “sagging” pants/shorts.
- No strapless garments, tank-tops, or revealing shirts will be allowed, even with a jacket or coverup.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be no shorter than fingertip length.
- Clothing items should not be see-through or revealing. Leggings/jeggings/yoga pants may be worn with a shirt, dress, skirt, or shorts that are at least mid-thigh.
- Distressed jeans/pants are allowed. Holes, tears, or rips that expose skin are allowed if they are below the knee. If the holes, tears, or rips are above the knee they must have something under them, and skin should not be seen.
- No caps, hats, bonnets, bandanas, or hoods covering the head are to be worn in the school buildings during the school day.
- Pajamas and/or pajama pants should not be worn.
- No sunglasses worn in the building unless there is a documented medical reason.
- Clothing or ornamentation that does any of the following is prohibited:
  a. Displays or advertises substances illegal for minors.
  b. Displays suggestive phrases, designs, markings, or profanities.
  c. Advocates, promotes, or suggests illegal activity.
- Separate dress code requirements are established for events/classes such as Physical Education, concerts, and special events (dances, honor ceremonies, etc.). These guidelines will be distributed as needed.

**Enforcement Policy:**

If a student is in violation of the above policy, the student will be sent to ISS to correct the dress code violation. The ISS instructor will document the dress code violation and follow the progressive discipline steps outlined below:

1. **1st violation**- warning, allowed to correct and return to class
2. **2nd violation**- minor referral, student will remain in ISS even if they can correct the dress code violation
3. **3rd violation**- office referral, considered insubordination, student will remain in ISS plus he/she will be assigned an additional day
4. **4th violation**- office referral, considered insubordination, two days of OSS will be assigned
5. **5th+ violation**- office referral, parent conference, two days of OSS will be assigned

**Please note, administrators have the final say of what’s appropriate and if the clothing is in violation of the dress code.**

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