

## **CMS Student Dress Code Changes for 2016-2017 – Effective Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

The dress code is established to promote appropriate grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and avoid safety hazards. Student clothing must be safe, clean, and non-distracting. Dress that is disruptive to the educational process or endangers the health or safety of others or is inappropriate for school is not permitted.

### Appropriate Dress:

- All tops must have some type of shoulder strap or shoulder coverage
- Shorts/skirts must completely cover buttocks at all times (standing, walking, sitting etc.)
- Clothing must cover undergarments, bra straps excluded
- Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times

### Examples of Inappropriate Dress:

- Clothing that advertises drugs, tobacco products, or alcohol
- Clothing with direct or implicit sexual references, obscenities, or that implies violence, racism or gang affiliation. (*See Gang Behavior Policy*)
- Low cut shirts or shirts unbuttoned more than three buttons that expose the chest
- Head-coverings are prohibited at all times. This includes beanies and stocking caps (except for religious or medical reasons approved by the administration)
- Masks, face paint or other disguises, unless such disguises are directly related to a school activity
- No sunglasses or permanently tinted glasses.
- Wallet chains, spiked metal jewelry or accessories, and headwear will be regulated by the school administration
- Writing on clothing or skin

*Dress code is subject to change at any time based on changing styles and trends.*

Students who do not dress appropriately will be asked to change into appropriate clothing or a parent may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school. If appropriate clothing is not available, students will be asked to change into PE clothes.