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## **Dress Code Guidelines 2021-2022**

The 2021-2022 IEA Dress Code is being implemented in place of the standard uniform requirements. The goal of this dress code is to support our students' ability to express themselves, but in a clean and neat way that reflects pride in themselves, our school, and our community.

\*Please note that students may still wear the uniform if they choose to, but it will no longer be required\*

- Shorts, dresses, and skirts should be of sufficient length so that undergarments are not exposed.
- Clothing that references or depicts alcohol, drugs, profanity, or contains sexual innuendos are not allowed.
- Only religious head coverings are allowed (unless there is an administrative exemption).
- Outerwear is not allowed indoors (jackets/hats/hoods).
- Sweatshirts and hoodies are allowed but students are not allowed to wear the hoods in school. (It is a safety concern when staff cannot see a student's face and assess their wellbeing.)
- Footwear should cover the toes and have support around the back of the foot. Open-toed shoes such as sandals and flip flops (slides) are not allowed.

If a student does not have a clothing item to replace the one in question, the student may be asked to modify his or her outfit to accommodate the above guidelines. It should be noted that no student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of race, sex, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, household income or body type/size. Students should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others in school. Shaming includes, but is not limited to:

- Kneeling, bending over, or any other movement to check fit
- Measuring straps or skirt length
- Calling out students about perceived dress code violations in front of others
- Accusing students of "distracting" other students with their clothing