

**New Providence School District
New Providence Middle School**

Dress Code

Students are asked to wear clothes which are neat and clean in appearance and suitable for the school's educational atmosphere. Fashion trends often suggest clothing that may be acceptable outside of school but may not be acceptable inside of school. The guidelines listed below will ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school. The administration reserves the right to make the final decision regarding appropriate dress in school and at school sponsored events.

1. Clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, inappropriate language or messages.
2. See through clothing, midriff tops, tops or low-cut tops.
3. A student's midriff and back must be covered at all times during the school day. If the back or midriff is exposed during routine physical tasks such as sitting, raising a hand, reaching, etc., the student will be asked to change.
4. The use of "sliders" worn under shorter length shorts are acceptable.
5. Skirts and dresses cannot be shorter than the student's fingertips when arms are straight at their sides.
6. Undergarments cannot be exposed at anytime including bra straps or underwear.
7. Sunglasses, hats or bandannas are not appropriate for school.
8. Students should not be wearing the hood of a hooded sweatshirt over their heads while in school.

Discipline Protocol for Dress Code Violations:

- 1st Offense: The student will be asked to modify/change his/her clothing to adhere to the dress code. A verbal warning will be issued.
- 2nd Offense: The student will modify/change his/her clothing to adhere to the dress code. A lunch detention will be assigned and parents will be notified.
- 3rd Offense: The student will modify/change his/her clothing to adhere to the dress code. An after-school Administrative Detention will be assigned and the parents will be notified.
- 4th Offense: The student will immediately be removed from school for the day with additional consequences at the discretion of the Administration.

*Continued dress code violations will result in additional consequences as well as loss of privileges.

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