

## **OSMOND ELEMENTARY STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Student Dress Code of Osmond Elementary School reflects the vision of providing a safe, non-distracting, and welcoming learning atmosphere. As such, we believe that our school dress code should contribute to a safe and respectful learning and teaching environment. We believe that the responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Dress Code falls on the students and their parents/guardians.

The primary focus of Osmond Elementary School staff is on the safety and success of all students. Our staff does not desire to spend inordinate amounts of time policing fashion. We would ask for the support and assistance from parents/guardians and students to comply with the dress code as outlined below. We sincerely thank you in advance for your understanding and support in this matter.

In order to promote understanding and positive relations with students and parents, Osmond Elementary School establishes the following guidelines for dress and appearance in all schools.

### **STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE GUIDELINES**

1. All clothing shall be clean, neat and unexaggerated.
2. Clothing or tattoos with alcohol or tobacco advertisements, inappropriate writing, or bathroom humor may not be worn.
3. Pants need to be secured at the waist so that underclothing is not showing.
4. Pants with holes in the knees or below are allowed. However, any holes above the knees must be lined with other fabric or leggings/tights should be worn underneath so the skin is not visible.
5. Revealing, tight fitting, or overly loose clothing shall not be worn.
6. When shorts or skorts are worn the bottom of the hem must come below the fingertips when arms are hanging to the side. When skirts or dresses are worn, the bottom of the hem must touch the kneecap, unless leggings are worn underneath.
7. Bare midriff shirts, sleeveless shirts, blouses, tank tops, or any other type of clothing that permits underclothing or skin normally covered by underclothing to be seen while standing, sitting or bending are not to be worn.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times. Wheels, noisemakers, or damaging equipment on footwear are not permissible. Sandals, boots, or untied shoes are not allowed during PE or fitness time.
9. Heavy coats are to be left on student hooks. Light jackets, blazers, vests, sweaters, and sweatshirts may be worn to classes. Full length jackets/coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench" coats or "dusters" are not allowed.
10. Hats, bandannas, sweatbands, and sunglasses should only be worn outdoors.
11. Inappropriate types of chokers, heavy chain necklaces, other heavy chains, spike necklaces and wristbands or wallet chains are not allowed.
12. Distracting hair styles (for example high spiked hair, hair carvings, mohawks) or coloring a full head of hair with an extreme color are strongly discouraged.
13. Pierced jewelry is limited to the ears only. Other piercings must be removed before entering the building.
14. Capes, pajamas, and other costumes of any type are not to be worn at school except for specific spirit or dress-up days designated by school staff.
15. There may be special days when the dress code may be relaxed or altered as defined by the principal.

Osmond Elementary School utilizes the poster below as a visual for students, staff, and parents to better understand several aspects of the above outlined dress code and to encourage compliance.

Osmond Elementary School will follow the district protocol for instances of non-compliance regarding the dress code.

## **PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE DISTRICT DRESS AND APPEARANCE CODE**

We believe that students and parents will use common sense in dress and appearance. We reserve the right to determine student compliance on dress code and appearance in relation to our policy.

We believe that within cultural norms and limits designated by the schools, students have a right to choose what they wear and how they appear. With every right comes a responsibility. With the right to choose what to wear and how to appear, comes the responsibility and the expectations to conform with generally accepted community, cultural standards of dress and appearance and not affront community standards.

Schools will train personnel in this protocol as the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the code rests on all school personnel. Because teachers and administrators interact most closely with students on a regular basis the primary responsibility for ensuring compliance will rest with them.

School personnel will be expected to communicate with students whenever they observe non-compliance with the code. In doing so they will be discreet and courteous, attempting at all times to preserve the dignity of the student.

Students who attend school or school functions (an activity designed primarily for students and not generally regarded as a public activity) dressed inappropriately will be required to change clothes before attending class or the school function.

Generally, schools will administer the dress code policy following their school discipline policy.

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