

Communicators

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups. As communicators, students learn to express themselves in many ways. This includes verbal and non-verbal communication as well as mass communications such as posters. Students are encouraged to express themselves and to be individuals. In our school environment, students are free to have dyed hair, a variety of hair styles, and a variety of personal clothing styles. However, it is important that students meet a baseline of appropriate attire that communicates that they are in school. This is similar to the expectations encountered in the workplace. How you dress communicates something to others about your job and your role at school. Some items of clothing are appropriate for the park or the mall but are not appropriate for school.

- **Dress Code**

- **Students must enter the building in dress code and remain appropriately dressed all day.**
- If students dress inappropriately, they may receive disciplinary action.
 - If students do not have appropriate clothing to change into, they will not be permitted to go to class.
 - Students may contact parents to bring different clothing and will be allowed to attend class when dressed appropriately.
- Students are expected to comply with the following dress code or receive disciplinary consequences:
 - Headgear is prohibited in the building. This includes, but is not limited to, caps, hats, hoods, bandanas of any color, wave caps, head scarfs, sweatbands, beanies, sunglasses, tiaras/crowns, or any other head covering. **Headgear, including ball caps, must be kept in student lockers during school.** School Administration will make exceptions to this rule for religious or medical reasons. Headgear and hoodies will be confiscated if
 - Blouses, shirts and tops are to be worn so the tops of the shoulders are covered. No tops with straps less than 3 inches wide, no ribbed tank tops/underwear tank tops, halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, or bare shoulder tops are allowed.
 - Blouses, shirts, and tops that expose cleavage or any portion of the waist, hips or midriff are not allowed. **No visible midriffs.** (If you raise your arms and the stomach shows or you sit down and the lower back is revealed, the top is inappropriate.)
 - Other blouses, shirts, and tops that are not appropriate for school include, but are not limited to, low-cut, see-through, backless, or tube tops. Rips or holes are not allowed in blouses, shirts, and tops.
 - **Boys are not permitted to wear sleeveless shirts and must wear shirts at all times, including during P.E., whether inside or outside.**
 - All clothing must be worn properly and **undergarments, including bra straps, should never be visible.**
 - Shorts, skirts and dresses must **be an appropriate length (no shorter than 5 inches above the knee)**, even when leg coverings are worn underneath.
 - Waistlines of shorts, skirts and pants **MUST BE ON OR ABOVE THE HIPS/WAIST** with no undergarments or other clothing showing under the pants or skirts. **SAGGING pants are NOT allowed.**
 - **No skin should be visible through rips, holes, tears, or frayed fabric on any clothing.**
 - **Skirts, dresses, pants or other outer garments with slits or holes above mid-thigh are NOT acceptable.**
 - Oversized and/or baggy pants or shorts are never appropriate and **ties will be used with students to keep baggy pants, shorts or skirts at the waist.**
 - Students may not wear trench coats or other long coats that resemble the style of a trench coat. All coats, jackets, sweaters, etc., must be worn properly.
 - Health regulations and safety factors require that shoes be worn at school at all times. House slippers and rubber flip-flops are prohibited.
 - No pajamas or sleep/lounge wear of any kind are allowed to be worn at school, including slippers/house slippers.

- Jeggings, tights, leggings, leotards, biker pants, and undergarments **or any garment that is made to look like these garments, may NOT be worn as outer clothing. Leggings are like legs and must be appropriately covered.**
- Yoga Pants are acceptable only at the discretion of the administration and only when worn with an acceptable top that falls to at least mid thigh. Yoga pants may not be sheer or have sheer panels.
- Wearing tight clothing so that is suggestive or provocative in nature is never appropriate.
- Girls may wear leggings and tights under skirts, dresses or shorts but ONLY IF the hem of shorts, skirts and/or dresses is of an appropriate length.
- No student clothing, jewelry, belts, belt buckles, shoe laces, or any other fashion accessories shall display words or symbols that advocate or depict violence, drugs, alcohol, sex, gang affiliation or other illegal activity expressed or implied.
- Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, chains—including wallet chains, spiked rings, shoes, wrist bands, chokers, etc., two or three finger rings that are joined and bulky chains worn around the neck or waist. Sharp objects that could pose a danger, such as straight pins and safety pins, are not allowed on clothing or book bags.
- Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been commonly identified with gangs. Garments, jewelry, body art and tattoos that communicate gang affiliation are prohibited at school, and no item may be worn in a manner that communicates gang affiliation.
 - Gang related attire includes, but is not limited to, the following: students rolling up one pant leg, long bulky chains and necklaces, gang-styled belt buckles (belt buckles which have Old English script letters and symbols), large oversized pendants on necklaces and chains, bandanas, altering clothing from its original form to change the names and/or intended marking on the clothing, sweatbands, and draping articles of clothing, towels, or other objects out of pants pockets, over the shoulder, or around the neck area.
 - All belts must be properly fastened around the waist. The belt should not be excessive in length and should not be hanging from either side of the body.
 - All students should be dressed in symmetrical fashion. Students may not wear clothing or accessories in a manner that would distinguish a particular side of their body.
- Writing on the body and face painting/decorating, except for regular use of make-up, is prohibited.
- No student clothing or accessories shall be disruptive. Clothing, accessories, jewelry, etc. that have caused past disruption to the school environment are also not allowed.
- A student will be required to change clothing if, in the judgment of the administration, a student is dressed inappropriately. Additionally, any student dress and/or appearance that may not be stated specifically in this code, but that the administration deems distracting or disruptive, will not be permitted.
 - The North Atlanta High School Student Dress Code is subject to updates and changes at any time during the school year as additional apparel becomes identified as inappropriate. You should consult the North Atlanta School web site frequently to learn about changes to this code (<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/15582>).
 - The Principal or his/her designee for specified reasons may make exceptions to the North Atlanta High School Student Dress Code. For additional information, please see Atlanta Public Schools Board Policy JCDB: “Student Dress Code” at <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/index.aspx?s=4004>
- **Posters and Publicity**
 - All posters, flyers, and banners of any kind must have administrative approval before being posted in the school building or on school property
 - Posters may only be posted in designated areas. (See an Assistant Principal or Principal for direction.)
 - Individuals who receive approval to put up posters are also responsible for removing them within two school days of the completion of the event.
 - Displays should observe spelling and grammar rules and should not be offensive to any individual or group.