

OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE 2011-2012

Oak Mountain Middle School students are expected to be clean and neat, in keeping with an atmosphere for learning. Unless there is a medical or other compelling reason, the administrative staff shall have the final authority in determining acceptable or unacceptable dress and/or grooming.

- A. All students must wear **shirts, blouses, or dresses with a collar or a non-revealing neckline** such as crew neck, jewel neck, or boat neck. Students should not wear strapless tops, tube tops, halter-tops, low cut, open back, backless, bare midriff, or clothing that allows the midriff to be exposed. As a rule of thumb—when the arms are raised, shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed should not be worn to school.
- B. Male students may not wear sleeveless garments. Female students may wear sleeveless garments only if the shoulder is fully covered from the base of the neck to top of arm and undergarments are completely covered. Spaghetti and/or thin-strapped shirts may be worn only over a sleeved T-shirt or if covered by a blouse with sleeves.
- C. No obscene language, unacceptable graphics, and/or illegal substances advertisements (to include alcoholic and tobacco advertisements) may be worn on clothing or accessories.
- D. No hats, caps, bandannas, head coverings, hair curlers, picks, or sun glasses will be worn in school.
- E. **Shorts must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee** or they must have an inseam of at least six (6) inches. Skirts/dresses must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee in the front and back. If the skirt/dress has a slit, the **top of the slit must be no higher than three inches above the knee.**
- F. **Pants must fasten securely with a button, snap or zipper at the waist.** Pants secured with only a draw-string are inappropriate. Belts must be worn at the waist with pants, shorts and skirts that have belt loops. Pants, shorts and skirts without belt loops must be worn at the waist and fit properly. Pants worn too low, too long, too large or too loose are not permitted. Pajama style pants, snap-aways, and sweatpants are prohibited. Athletic type pants may only be worn during physical education classes. (Including but not limited to, wind suit pants and soccer shorts.)
- G. **Shirts must be tucked in at all times** unless designed to be worn on the outside. Sweaters worn outside of pants or skirts over tucked-in shirts will be acceptable. Shirts with buttons down the front should be fastened appropriately. T-shirts, golf or polo style shirts, shirts with tails, and athletic jerseys must be tucked in. See-through shirts or blouses should not be worn.
- H. Jackets and coats are to be worn in good taste. Generally, these are inappropriate to be worn in the classroom.
- I. For safety reasons, students are required to wear **appropriate shoes that fit securely at all times.** Shoes with wheels are not appropriate for the school environment.
- J. Students' clothing should be **neat and clean and not be in noticeable disrepair.** Unhemmed (cut-off) shorts, shirts, or pants, inappropriate slits, or holes in clothing are not allowed.
- K. Students are prohibited from wearing any clothing, ear, nose, tongue, eyebrow and body jewelry, hairstyle, visible tattoos, or other adornment that draws attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process.
- L. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and not visible.
- M. Students are prohibited from wearing any metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or accessories.
- N. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it is designed to be worn, i.e., clothing worn backwards or inside out is not allowed. Suspenders must be fastened. **No clothing shall be worn excessively tight or revealing.**
- O. Students are prohibited from wearing any sign, symbol, logo, or garment, which has become synonymous with any gang, cult, Satanism, or unauthorized club or organizational activity. This also includes any avenue of the promotion of products or activities prohibited by school policy or that is inflammatory and may generate negative feeling among the student body.

** Camisoles are permitted and are encouraged to eliminate an exposed midriff or cleavage. However, camisoles (with or without lace) worn under T-shirts, golf shirts, polo style shirts, etc. with the intent to avoid tucking in these shirts, is not permitted. *All shirts, unless designed to be worn on the outside, must be tucked in at all times.*

The Board of Education has given Principals the discretion to determine the appropriate dress on special occasions. **Attire for Galas and after-school activities must follow the OMMS dress code.**

Board policy states that students who have questionable or inappropriate dress **will not be allowed to attend class.**