

OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Dress Code 2015-2016

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 with 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. Camisoles are permitted and are encouraged to eliminate an exposed midriff or cleavage.
- 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-straped shirts may be worn only if over another T-shirt or if covered by a blouse with sleeves. Tank tops need to be worn in such a fashion that undergarments are not exposed. Any garment with oversized armholes is not acceptable.
- C. No obscene language and/or illegal substance 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 sunglasses 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, shorts and 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. Leggings, or other similar garment (i.e. jeggings), should be worn with the appropriate outer garment (i.e. shorts, dress, or skirt of proper length.)
- 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 worn too low, too long, too large, too tight, or too loose are not permitted. Pajama style pants, snap-aways, and sweatpants are prohibited. Athletic type pants may be worn only during physical education classes. (Including but not limited to, wind suit pants and soccer shorts.)
- G. Shirts with buttons down the front should be fastened appropriately. 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 should not be in noticeable disrepair. Unhemmed (cut-off) shorts, skirts, shirts, pants, and garments with inappropriate holes or inappropriate slits are not allowed.
- K. Ear piercings are allowed. All other visible piercings are prohibited. Students are prohibited from wearing body jewelry and visible tattoos. Students are prohibited from wearing nose, tongue, eyebrow and body jewelry. Earrings, hairstyles, and other adornments that draw attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process are also prohibited.
- L. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and not visible.
- M. Students are prohibited from wearing any metal chains, metal spiked apparel, over-sized belt buckles, 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. 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 for the promotion of products or activities prohibited by school policy or that is inflammatory and may generate negative feelings among the student body.

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.