



REMINDERS for the 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR - DRESS CODE

Dear Middletown City School District Families,

August 9, 2022

Our purpose in the Enlarged City School District of Middletown (ECSDM), the thread connecting scholars to our community and to their aspirations for the future, is to ensure each scholar achieves their personal best. We set high expectations for scholars, create programs with a wide variety of engagement experiences both academic and non-academic, and nurture safe and engaging environments. We believe we are making legacies!

Our scholar dress code serves to support all scholars in being ready to be their best, engage positively in academics, and develop a body-positive self-image. All scholars are expected to know and value the importance of the ECSDM Student Dress Code Policy, which is a part of the Student Code of Conduct referenced in *Board Policy 3410*. Some highlights, from the Code of Conduct where dress code is outlined, worth noting are outlined below:

- At all times, clothing must cover and conceal. Revealing clothing is not permitted. Undergarments cannot be visible and no private parts, including midriff, should be visible. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be long enough that they reach the same point on the thigh as the bottom of a student's closed fist when the arm is extended and resting on the thigh.
- All pants must be kept up to hip level - wearing pants below the hip exposing underwear is not permitted.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times - slippers are not considered appropriate footwear.
- Clothing, backpacks, and accessories must be free of images and content that are sexually suggestive, depict drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use, firearms, gang-related images, or other illegal activities.
- No hats of any kind are permitted to be worn inside school.
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside school unless there is a medical need with appropriate documentation on file.
- Earbuds are not permitted to be worn in school.
- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn up on a young person's head.
- Any clothing masking a scholar's identity is prohibited - this includes balaclavas and gaiter face masks. If a scholar chooses to wear a mask, the mask should be a medical grade mask.

Our administrators, educators, and staff are responsible for enforcing our dress code. Families, we are calling on you to support us with this expectation. We want our interactions with scholars to be positive and encourage a culture of community. We do not want to use our valuable time together in school to address dress code infractions. We are sending this reminder out early so there is time for families to review the dress code expectation prior to the start of school. Scholars who do not meet dress code expectations will be counseled on making appropriate decisions and where needed asked to remove items/change clothing. If the scholar refuses the reasonable request of any staff member related to the dress code, progressive discipline will be administered.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact your home school administrator.

Sincerely, *Amy Creeden*, Superintendent of Schools