

# Revised Dress Code 2013 Middle and High School

Items that can be worn:

1. Pants, shorts, and skirts that are **worn at the waist**. (Items not worn at the waist will be considered “sagging”).
2. Dresses, skirts, shorts, or pants that show **no visible skin above the knee**. (Pants with holes above the knee would be a violation of this policy). Clothing should not touch the floor and should be worn at the proper waist level. Exceptions to length of shorts may be made for physical education, Special Olympics, field days, etc.
3. Clothing that **fits the wearer appropriately, covers all types of underclothing**, and is designed for wear outside the home.
4. Pants that are worn with equal pant lengths. (Any gang-related clothing manipulations, accessories, etc., would be a violation of this policy).
5. Shirts, tee shirts, blouses, or dresses that **have sleeves** and **do not show cleavage, backs or midriffs during the course of normal movement**. (Items that expose the shoulders, undergarments, etc., are in violation of this policy).
6. Shoes or sandals.
7. Accessories or clothing that does not pose a safety threat to self or others.
8. **Clothing that is not see-through**. (See-through tops that reveal undergarments or clothing that does not meet dress code is in violation of this policy).
9. Items that **do not advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, profane language, weapons, and/or suggestive slogans pictures, and/or offensive materials**. (Popular athletic attire with suggestive slogans that often have double meanings are in violation of this policy).
10. **Leggings, jeggings, yoga or exercise pants may be worn with a blouse, sweater or top that is knee-length**. (This means knee-length in the front and in the back. Tops that are knee-length but still extremely form-fitting will be in violation of this policy).

## Prohibited Items:

1. **Hats and/or other head covering** including **hooded sweatshirts, bandanas, sweatbands, stocking caps, do-rags, etc. worn inside buildings**. (This includes any fashionable berets/hats).
2. Items advertising **alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics profane language, weapons, and/or suggestive slogans, pictures, and/or offensive materials**.
3. Sunglasses worn inside buildings.
4. The wearing of any item(s) displaying **gang symbols**.
5. Accessories or clothing that could pose a safety threat to self or others. These include chains, fishhooks, multi-finger rings, studded bracelets or collars, nose/lip to ear chains, etc. Also to include **oversized clothing** of any type or garments that may be determined could conceal dangerous articles or items.
6. **Sleeveless tops/shirts**.
7. **Clothing that is see-through**.
8. **Provocative and suggestive clothing**. (This will include any type of pants that are so form-fitting that they are inappropriate to be worn at school. These types of pants should be worn with a knee-length top as well).

## General Dress Code Statements

1. **Sagging pants will not be tolerated**.
2. **Pajamas and bedroom shoes** may not be worn.
3. **The school administration reserves the right to prohibit any item of clothing or symbols that are inappropriate or disruptive to the daily operation of the school**.
4. Clothing that is required to be worn because of religious reasons will be dealt with on an individual basis.

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**Students can avoid being sent home by having a change of clothes with them that does meet dress code. Repeated dress code violations will result in a sequence of in-school and out-of-school suspensions that could lead to expulsion.**

**This new district dress code becomes effective at TLH on Monday, November 25, 2013. Prior notification of this new policy begins today, November 22, 2013. It will be advertised in classes verbally, in writing, and through the parent newsletter.**