STUDENT ATTIRE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

We believe that there is a definite positive correlation between good dress habits, good work habits, self-esteem, and appropriate school behavior. We also believe that the key to being properly dressed is wearing clothing that fits the surroundings, situation and season. Any form of attire which attracts undue attention to the wearer, and thus disturbs the learning environment is not acceptable. Excessively or inappropriately torn clothing, clothing that represents drugs or alcoholic beverages, or displays inappropriate or suggestive language or situations is considered unacceptable. Except in cases where teacher permission has been given, jackets and hats are not to be worn in classrooms.

GRADES 6, 7 & 8

There is a definite positive correlation between good dress habits, good work habits, and appropriate school behavior. Any type of attire which attracts undue attention to the wearer, and thus disturbs the learning environment, is not acceptable.

Excessively torn clothing, clothing that represents vulgarity, drugs, or alcoholic beverages, halter or tank tops, half shirts, tight-fitting or revealing clothing, such as spandex, are considered unacceptable. Except in cases where teacher permission has been given, jackets and hats are not to be worn in classrooms. Shorts may be worn only in the early fall or late spring at the discretion of the principal. Excessively short skirts or shorts, such as gym shorts, are unacceptable.

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Salem High School are expected to wear appropriate clothing and have grooming that will not interfere with the learning environment or create a safety hazard. Students should reflect the good taste of parents and the community by:

1. Dressing in a manner that will not endanger their own physical well being or that of others.
2. Dressing in clothing that is clean.
3. Dressing in a way that is not distracting to the point that it interferes with any student's educational process.

Specifically, excessively torn clothing, tightly fitting or revealing tank tops and shorts, or other inappropriate articles of clothing should not be worn. Shorts may be worn in the early fall or late spring at the discretion of the principal. Hats may not be worn in classrooms. In addition, articles that display foul language, inappropriate wording or pictures, or represent alcohol or drugs are prohibited. Any unsafe footwear, or hair, or clothing that is deemed to be a safety hazard are not permitted. If a student fails to comply with these standards, he/she will be asked by faculty staff members to correct the situation or the student will be referred to the principal or assistant principals for further action.

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STUDENT ATTIRE

DEFINITION OF TERMS

The Salem School Board and its administration recognizes the need to apply the student attire policy in an equitable manner throughout the school district. To that end, several definitions have been developed to help school administrators administer the policy. In consideration of the student attire policy, it should be noted that student referrals are to be conducted in the same manner as all other referrals contained within the school's discipline code and the following definitions have been developed to help interpret and administer the policy:

1. **Appropriate (as it refers to the context of the entire policy)** - Appropriate in all situations is defined as that which respects and encourages the learning process while meeting Salem's community accepted standards.

2. **Inappropriate Wording or Pictures** - This includes wording or pictures that contain suggestive or sexual innuendos; depicts or describes sexual acts; depicts or describes violent/abusive acts; or is demeaning to a race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap of a person or group.

3. **Torn Clothing** - An article of clothing with an excessive tear/hole or torn in a manner which is inappropriately revealing.

4. **Spandex** - Spandex may be worn under appropriate articles of clothing as described in the attire policy, but may not be worn as a primary outer garment.

5. **Skorts** - Skorts and shorts are not synonymous and the wearing of skorts is permissible.