



# COLLEGE PARK SCHOOL

## DRESS AND GROOMING

School is a place of business for students and staff. College Park school expects students to adhere to reasonable and respectful standards in dress and grooming for a focussed working and learning environment. Dress should be modest, consistent with what is expected for a school setting and conducive to establishing a safe environment. The following guidelines are intended to assist in choosing clothing for school.

- Clean indoor footwear is a necessity at all times.
- Footwear must be of a type that will not mark the school floors.
- Shirts must have straps and/or sleeves (no tube tops).
- Students' undergarments should not be visible.
- Skirts and shorts are recommended to be mid-thigh length or lower.
- Shirts (tops) and pants (shorts, skirts) must meet when an individual is sitting or standing.

Clothing or accessories that are to be avoided for school include:

- Items that display inappropriate or vulgar language, violence, drugs/alcohol, inappropriate signs and symbols, information / pictures sexual in nature or messages that are biased on the basis of race, creed, religion, colour, sexual orientation, status, physical size, or age.
- Clothing or accessories that suggest or imply inappropriate activities.
- Hats, or hoods worn in the building.
- Any gang related paraphernalia.

Regarding other personal hygiene products ... particularly for Middle School Students:

- Stick deodorants and / or antiperspirants are not only allowed, they are encouraged.
- Aerosol or spray bottles of perfume/cologne/body spray will not be permitted for use at school due to the sensitivity of many people to perfumes.

## Interpretation/Enforcement/Consequences:

The application and enforcement of these Guidelines will be done with discretion in such a manner as to preserve the personal dignity of the student.

Students who are seen not meeting these guidelines will:

1. Be provided with school clothing to wear for the day.
2. Be able to call a parent to bring a change of clothing.

Staff reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency and modesty. Students will be dealt with on an individual basis and have an opportunity to address the school administration in a fair and respectful manner.

Outright refusal to cooperate will be viewed as a behavioural issue with corresponding consequences.

Administration may modify some of the above guidelines for special circumstances such as holidays, special events or performances. (For example, hats worn on hat day.)

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