



School is a place of learning where all students are entitled to be educated in a safe environment free from distraction. We believe that students should “dress for success” and the school dress code is written to define guidelines on appropriate dress for middle school that is **Safe** and **Respectful**. It is the student’s **Responsibility** to follow these guidelines during regular school hours as well as when attending after school activities, both on and off campus.

**Pants / Shorts / Skirts:**

- Pants and shorts must fit appropriately and be worn at the waist
- Shorts and skirts must be at least fingertip length
- Skin should not be exposed above fingertip length (Undergarments should not be visible at any time)
- No pajama bottoms

**Shirts:**

- All shirts must have sleeves. No tank tops or spaghetti straps allowed
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time (No see through shirts, visible straps, sagging, revealing clothing, dark bras under light colored shirts, etc.)

**Hats / Beanies / Hoods:**

- Hats, baseball caps, skull caps, head-nets, etc. are not allowed on campus
- Hoods and beanies are to be removed when inside buildings
- Hoods are not to be worn in the hallways

**Shoes:**

- Must be worn at all times
- Shoes need to have backs or heel straps (No flip flops, slides or open back shoes)
- No slippers
- Shoes with wheels are not allowed

**Jewelry / Accessories:**

- Must be safe and free of reference to gangs, drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, sexual representations, or violence
- Spike accessories and chains are not allowed
- Facial jewelry should be stud only (no loops or spikes)
- Leave sunglasses at home

**General:**

- Undergarments, cleavage, torso, chest, backs and stomachs must be covered at all times (Even when you raise your hand or move around)
- Any fashion/attire that creates a distraction to the educational environment is not allowed
- Messages or pictures on clothes should be respectful. No sexual, drug, alcohol, or tobacco messages, no gang symbols or affiliations, no profanity, racial slurs, putdowns, weapons, etc. Any fashion/attire that is considered by school officials and/or law enforcement to present a safety concern is not allowed
- Swimsuits are beach attire and do not belong at school – even under clothing (exception is year-end trips to water parks)
- Clothing, backpacks, etc. should be free of inappropriate messages, words or symbols (exception is a small reminder message on the palm of your hand)

**The appropriateness of any clothing in question will be left to the discretion of the Barrett Middle School teachers and administration. Students who fail to dress responsibly and follow the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action.**