

## DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### DRESS CODE

It is critical that both home and school cooperate in the matter of student attire. There is strong data that suggests that students who are dressed in clothing appropriate to the learning environment do better in school. **Inappropriate dress can be disruptive to the educational process and students are required to dress modestly.** The school administration reserves the right to make the final decision regarding appropriate dress in school. The regulations regarding student attire are as follows:

- Student attire shall be school appropriate: neat, clean, and reflecting an appearance of modesty.
- Clothing with inappropriate pictures, liquor ads, sexually offensive or obscene symbols, signs or slogans degrading any race, societal group, color, creed, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, social or economic status, sexual orientation, or people with disabilities are not permitted. Drug related pictures and messages that support or condone drug use are unacceptable.
- Buttons, pins, and other accessories are permitted, as long as they comply with the above stated regulations and do not cause disruption, disorder or danger to the educational process.
- Footwear must be worn and securely fitted at all times. Flip-flops and sandals, securely fitted, are acceptable.
- Clothing which is extremely ragged, extreme in tightness or transparency is not permitted.
- Lingerie, including bra straps and underwear, may not be exposed.
- Articles that can cause damage to other students and/or property are not permitted.
- Headgear may be worn outside. All students must remove hats, visors, scarves, bandanas, and sunglasses upon entering the building.
- Bare midriff crop tops that expose the abdominal area, halter tops, and tank tops with straps that are less than 2" wide are not permitted. Tops that expose even partial cleavage or have oversized armholes are also not permitted.
- Very short shorts, very short skirts are not permitted. When standing straight with arms extended down, the length of shorts and skirts should extend beyond the fingertips.

**\*\*This dress code applies during school hours and on school sponsored activities and trips. In addition, some department restrictions on attire may be prescribed for participation or implementation for reasons of safety. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist students in being compliant with the dress code before students leave home for school. Students without a change of clothing will be referred to the office, and the parent contacted to bring a change of clothing.**