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As spring approaches, we feel it important to reinforce dress code expectations at Bridgetown Middle School. All expectations for dress at Bridgetown Middle School are clearly stated in the *2010-11 Bridgetown Middle School Handbook* on pages 13-14. The handbook is available on the Bridgetown Middle School Moodle web page - <http://ohmoodle.ohlsd.net/course/view.php?id=149>. You can use your child's username/password to view the course. A summary of expectations is also listed below.

In the area of dress codes, the courts have given schools authority to prohibit clothing/dress which (1) causes disruption from learning; (2) poses health or safety problems; (3) violates community standards for modesty; and/or (4) may damage furniture, floors, etc.

1. **Shorts:**

Appropriate shorts may be worn. Appropriateness is based on length and decent fit. Appropriate length is mid-thigh. This also applies to skirts and dresses. Bicycle tights are not appropriate for school dress.

2. **Tops:**

Tops should be respectable and non-revealing. Bare shoulders, bare midriffs, cropped tops, and see-through tops are not acceptable, nor are shirts with no sides. Clothing with drug or alcohol-related slogans or symbols, suggestive slogans, and violent or obscene messages are not permitted.

3. **Jeans and Other Apparel:**

Clothing with rips, tears, or holes are judged inappropriate for school dress.

4. **Footwear:**

Appropriate footwear must be worn. Safety may preclude some items (e.g., open shoes in the labs).

5. **Hats/sunglasses:**

For proper decorum, hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building.

6. **Coats:**

Overcoats or out-of-doors coats are not to be worn in the building or during class time unless specifically authorized by the principal.

7. **Accessories/jewelry:**

Accessories and jewelry should comply with the Student Code of Conduct.

Additional Guidelines:

(a) Only natural hair color

(b) Only ear piercing

(c) No bandanas, body glitter, or writing on the body will be permitted

The school administration has the authority to make the final interpretation of the dress guidelines.

Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to call parents to secure proper attire.

Admission to class will be denied until standards are met. Any time out of class for this reason is unexcused. A first violation of the dress code will result in a citation that needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. A second violation will result in detention. In both instances a parent must provide proper attire before the student can return to class. If additional violations occur it may result in further disciplinary action.

In addition to this letter the school will send out a phone message and an email regarding the Bridgetown Middle School dress code policy. This information will be shared with students in advisory this week.

Thank you,

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