



# NELSON AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Nelson Avenue Middle School DRESS CODE Policy 2023-24

Our guiding principle when it comes to student attire is **“Dress for Success!”** The students at Nelson Avenue Middle School are expected to wear appropriate clothing during the school day and at all school-sponsored activities. The primary purpose of the dress code is to prevent distraction and disruption of school activities. Because our purpose is to help students learn and achieve, we insist on a standard of dress that helps (and does not distract) from that purpose. Students violating the Dress Code will be directed to change into “loaner” clothes. Repeat offenders may be subject to disciplinary action. Administrators will make the final determination based on the following rules, and, along with staff, will keep the Dress Code enforced on campus at all times.

- Tops must be appropriately modest and may not reveal the midriff (the stomach), sides, back, or chest/cleavage.
- All clothing that is transparent or exposes any part of the body mentioned above while carrying on daily routines such as raising one’s hands or bending over is regarded as inappropriate.
- Shorts and skirts must be modest in length so as to not be offensive or distracting.
- Pants/shorts must be worn with the waistband no lower than the hips.
- Hats/hoods must be worn appropriately, and they are not permitted inside classrooms or offices. Beanies are acceptable as long as they do not cover the ears or eyes.
- Clothing may not be offensive to good morals or good taste. Suggestive, vulgar or obscene words, offensive caricatures, advertising of questionable products, alcohol, drugs or tobacco products, anti-social, anti-religious, inflammatory or militancy-inducing symbols, emblems, or depictions of any kind on ANY visible article(s) of clothing are prohibited.
- Gang-related apparel is considered hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment and shall be prohibited at all times. Wearing of the same color of clothing virtually every day and association with a group of students who wear similar clothing is also prohibited. Administration has the right to deny certain articles of clothing such as bandanas if necessary.
- Any accessory, such as thick chains, hanging chains/straps, items with spikes, or those that are potentially dangerous or have inappropriate uses are prohibited.
- Body piercing (eyebrows, nose, and lips) is regarded as a safety concern during P.E. Anyone with body piercings in these areas may be asked to either remove the piercing during the P.E. period, or cover it with a bandage during the P.E. period.
- Blankets, flags, or any other large pieces of material used as capes or for covering up are not allowed on campus. Please dress accordingly for the weather.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. (Athletic shoes must be worn during P.E. class.)
- The bottom line: *If it’s questionable, don’t wear it!* The administration has the final say.