



Tom C. Clark High School

“Education Through Innovation”

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Dear Clark Parents/Guardians,

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I know, as a parent, how quickly the summer months pass by and I understand the challenges you face looking for the right outfit that will make your student happy while satisfying the District's expectation for dress.

I believe there is a time and place for the way we dress. We dress differently, for example, attending a wedding than we would if we were going to the movies. School, in my opinion, is a place of respect and dignity, and we should dress accordingly. This is why the District has established a dress code policy located in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Here are some simple guidelines as reminders for proper attire.

- Straps on shoulders must be at least wide enough to cover undergarment straps. A suggested strap width is two inches wide. (If we see an undergarment, then the strap is too thin.)
 - No tube tops/strapless shirts/blouses that come off the shoulder.
 - No racer-back type shirt, as they tend to reveal undergarments.
 - No tank tops or sleeveless undershirts (boys) to be worn alone. Boys can wear tank tops as long as there is a shirt underneath.
 - No bare midriffs, including when arms are raised, will be acceptable.
 - Shorts/skirts/dresses must be of an appropriate length which is no shorter than four inches above the knee.
 - No baggy or sagging pants (should not be able to see undergarments).
 - No torn or frayed skirts, shorts or jeans. (Should not see any skin four inches above the knee.)
- No pajama bottoms or house slippers.

- No clothing with suggestive symbols, language, and/or images of offensive nature. •

All other guidelines listed in the handbook will be enforced.

The campus administration, may have additional dress or grooming regulations that are campus specific. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee.

If a student is found to be out of dress code by the Clark administration the following steps will be taken:

1. Students will be allowed to change into other clothing he/she may have brought to school or stored in a locker. (Gym lockers are not available for this process)
2. Students will also be allowed to have items brought to school for them to wear if they are found to be out of dress code. If there will be a long wait we may proceed to #3.
3. If a student cannot change or have an item brought to school to change into, they will be given clothing to wear by the Clark administration if available.
4. If the student refuses to change they will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day.

Several violations will result in a parent conference with a principal and/or ISS

assignment.