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## Wells Middle School

### *Student Dress Code*

The standard of dress for Wells Middle School has been developed with input from staff, parents, and students. The dress code is vital to insure personal safety, to create a positive learning environment, and to discourage classroom disruptions or distractions. Outward appearances that are radical, unusual and draw specific attention to an individual are disruptive to the learning process and present a disruptive influence to the social interaction between students.

#### **Requirements for all students:**

- ✓ Students are expected to be neat and clean. Modesty must be maintained at all times.
- ✓ **Shoes** must be worn at all times. Footwear with a substantial sole is required. Open-toed shoes are allowed but must have a back strap. Shoes must not have a heel of more than ½ inch. **Students must still wear appropriate athletic footwear for PE with a closed toe and heel. Roller skates/shoes are not permitted.**
- ✓ **Skirts and shorts** must reach at least **mid-thigh** in length.
- ✓ **Tops** must have an **inch wide strap** and not expose bra straps. Aerobic style clothing, bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, net tops, see through clothing, spaghetti straps, and low cut necklines are not permitted.
- ✓ **Baggy fitting and low-slung pants or shorts are not allowed.** Pants must be worn at the waist at all times.
- ✓ Jewelry which creates a health and safety hazard is not permitted. **Piercings are allowed but students may be asked to remove them by any staff member for safety reasons.**
- ✓ **Baseball hats (brim forward or backwards)**, all other hats, and sunglasses may be **worn outside** but are **not to be worn in the classroom or inside any building.**
- ✓ **Gang attire of any kind is not permitted.** This includes clothing with writing promoting or relating to gang activity, bandanas, stocking caps, hair nets and mittens with the fingers cut off.
- ✓ Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) containing emblems, lettering or pictures promoting gangs, tagging, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, death, mutilation, violence, and/or messages with double meanings are not permitted.
- ✓ Clothing which has been altered in an inappropriate manner (torn, written on or personalized) will not be allowed.
- ✓ Students may not wear excessive make-up, hairdos, emblems or jewelry. **Applying make-up or grooming in class is not allowed.**
- ✓ Extreme hairdos are not allowed.
- ✓ Chains, including wallet chains are not allowed.
- ✓ Tattoos need to be covered.
- ✓ Pajamas and slippers are not appropriate attire for school.

The administration and faculty of Wells Middle School have the responsibility to administer the dress code and may make additional changes to the above items at any time during the school year. All inappropriate items taken will be given to charity if not claimed from the office by parent/guardian within 30 days. Dress code violations will result in a detention or other disciplinary consequences.