

# ***DESERT HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL***

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Dear parents:

Students need to remember that how they look/dress affects how others will treat them. A student's dress or appearance cannot cause a disruption at school. Clothing must be modest and without unnecessary exposure, vulgar or sexual content, drug/alcohol/tobacco references or advertisements. Dress must promote learning and safety. In addition:

- Clothing is to fit the individual; sagging pants or extremely oversized clothing is not to be worn.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline.
- Undergarments must be completely covered.
- Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be modest. (Modesty is determined by administrators and teachers – the standard we expect is that when students have their hands at their sides, the dresses, shorts, and skirts should be at mid-palm or lower)
- No hats or head coverings may be worn.
- Bandanas of any kind or color are not allowed.
- Any behavior, clothing, or communication associated with gang behavior is forbidden. These include such things as graffiti, hand signs, colors, inscriptions, belts, and weapons.

Administrators will determine whether garments are disruptive to the educational process, including garments not specifically listed in the dress code guidelines. These guidelines are designed to safeguard all staff and students and increase the educational effectiveness of our school. Students who choose to dress inappropriately will be asked to change. If students do not have appropriate clothes to change into, parents will be contacted and arrangements will be made for the students to go home or for parents to bring appropriate clothing to school.

Thank you for helping your child dress modestly at school!

Sincerely,

Steve Jones  
Principal