

VERMILION INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
DRESS CODE 2009-2010

Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. The staff of Vermilion Intermediate School believes that the way a student dresses for school contributes to his/her performance both as a student and as a school citizen. Students and parents are responsible for student's proper dress and personal appearance while at school. Parents are requested to supervise the dress of their sons and daughters so that the mode of dress does not interfere with the cleanliness, health, welfare or safety of the students, or disrupts the educational process by being distracting, indecent, or inappropriate for elementary school. Students and parents should consider the following questions when a child dresses for school:

- Does the clothing expose too much?
- Does the clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors?
- Are there obscene, profane, drug-related, gang-related or inflammatory messages on the clothing?
- Are there messages that imply disrespect towards others?
- Is the clothing appropriate for the weather?
- Will the mode of fashion be a distraction to others?

The Vermilion Intermediate School dress code **prohibits** the following:

- **Hair** that is "spiked" or tinted an unnatural color.
- **Brief, revealing or excessively tight clothing.** The following guidelines on brief clothing are examples and do not cover all situations: Students shall not wear halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps or strapless garments. Garments that are "see-through", low cut, or expose the midriff are not acceptable. Sleeveless garments must extend to the end of the shoulders and fit closely under the arms. Undergarments and straps must not be visible. Shorts and skirts must be long enough to reach the end of a student's fingertips when the arm and hand are extended to their full length at their side.
- **Torn and tattered clothing.**
- **Body Piercings.** Pierced ears are permitted but all other visible body piercings are not permitted because of their potential disruption of the educational process as well as health and safety reasons.
- **Make-up.**
- **Hats.** Students shall not wear hats in the school building except for medical or religious purposes or on designated and announced theme or spirit days. Sunglasses are also prohibited.
- **Saggy Pants.** Pant legs must be hemmed so that they extend no lower than the top of the shoes. All pants must be properly fastened around the waist
- **Vulgar, offensive messages.** Students shall not wear clothing items that contain messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous; that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote alcohol or drug use or violence; or that are otherwise contrary to the school's educational mission.
- **Inappropriate footwear.** Footwear selection should take in to account that students will be engaged in a variety of activities throughout the day including playing on the playground, physical education, walking stairs, etc. For this reason, students are not permitted to wear flip flops or slides. Shoes must cover the toes and have a back or a strap to secure the shoe to the foot. Narrow and/or high heels are not permitted.
- **Roller sneakers (Heelys).**
- **Cult/Gang items.** Clothing or accessories that could be interpreted as gang or cult related are prohibited.