

## DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

Twin Rivers Middle School is a learning environment. It is important for all students to dress appropriately for the school setting. Listed herein are the regulations put in place to help students make the right choices for school appropriate attire.

### Appropriate Dress for Students:

1. **Headgear** should not be worn during school hours. This includes, but is not limited to: caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, or any other head covering. No combs, rakes, curlers, or picks can be worn in hair. Caps should not be worn hanging from any clothing. \*Exceptions for religious or medical reasons to be granted by the principal.
2. **Blouses** or **shirts** need to cover the tops of shoulders. No halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops or bare shoulder tops of any type will be allowed. Blouses/ shirts that expose any portion of the waist, hips, midriff, or cleavage are not allowed. Boys are not to wear sleeveless shirts or jerseys. Boys must wear shirts in P.E.
3. All **shorts** and **skirts** must be long enough to reach the tip of your fingers when standing with arms relaxed at your side. Hereafter, this is referred to as the fingertip "test."
4. **The outer layer of clothing from the waist down must meet all dress code requirements.** This includes but is not limited to skirts, shorts, or shirts with leggings underneath. **Use the "fingertip test" to determine if the outer layer of clothing meets dress code.**
5. **The** waistline of all pants, shorts and skirts must be on or above the hips with no underwear showing.
6. **Holes in clothing** must also meet the "fingertip test".
7. Students may not wear **trench coats** or other long coats resembling the style of a trench coat to school. Students may not wear blankets, capes, or cloaks to school.
8. Health regulations and safety factors require **shoes** to be worn at all times. Bedroom shoes or slippers are prohibited.
9. Pajamas or **sleepwear** of any kind are not to be worn in school.
10. No student shall wear clothing that displays **words** or **symbols** that depict violence, smoking, drugs, alcohol, weaponry, sex, gang affiliation, or other illegal activity expressed or implied.
11. **No student clothing or accessories shall be disruptive or have caused past disruption to the school environment.**
12. **Jewelry** or accessories that may be used as weapons are not allowed to be worn at school. This includes, but is not limited to, wallet chains, spiked jewelry, two or three finger rings that are joined and bulky chains worn around the neck or waist. Sharp objects that could pose a danger such as spikes, nails, or safety pins are not allowed on clothing, body parts, or book bags. Mouth grills are not appropriate and are not to be worn at school.
13. All **belts** must be worn properly fastened around the waist. The belt should not be excessive in length.
14. **Gang Related Attire:** Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been identified by the Gwinnett County Police Gang Taskforce as being commonly identified with gangs. Garments, scarves/bandanas, jewelry, body art/tattoos that communicate gang allegiance are not allowed to be worn in a manner that communicates gang affiliation. **This rule is subject to updates as additional wearing apparel becomes identified as gang affiliated or disruptive.**
15. Exceptions to the Twin Rivers Middle School dress code may be made by the Principal or her designee for specific reasons.
16. **Parents and students should consult the TRMS website to be informed about additions or changes to the dress code rules.**