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Dear Students, Staff, Parents & Guardians:

According to the MSHS Student Handbook, the section titled "Dress Code", item number "2", found on page 25, it states that "Students may be asked to change or cover up at the discretion of the principal/designee". Given this, I am tasked with interpreting, enforcing, and adjudicating the dress code in addition to defining the intent of the dress code in areas that are less clear.

Given this, and given the opening paragraph introducing the dress code where it states that the "dress code will be made with a disposition towards modest dress, defined as dress which is more pre-professional than it is overly casual or provocative," I offer the following clarifications:

1. Though the dress code does not specifically say anything about torn or jeans/pants with holes, it is easy to extrapolate that if one cannot wear shorts or skirts unless they extend to the mid-thigh, having holes in one's pants above the mid-thigh is inconsistent with the intent of the dress code. Therefore, as the one charged with interpreting the intent of the dress code, I make the following ruling: Jeans/pants that have holes where one is able to see skin above the mid-thigh will be deemed a violation of the dress code.
2. Once again, though the dress code does not specifically say anything about leggings, it does refer to spandex, nylon, and similar skin tight material in item number "5"; though this item is explicitly referring to shorts. Given this, and given the intent of the dress code to lean toward modesty in a student's style of dress, I make the following ruling: Leggings can be worn at school if and only if the wearer's posterior (buttocks) is completely covered by another garment that extends well beyond the wearer's bottom (example: tunic, extra-long shirt, etc.).

A good "rule of thumb," is that from the collar bone to the mid-thigh if no skin is showing, the chances are you will be fine. Those who violate the dress code will be asked to fix the problem. If the issue cannot be fixed, then the individual will be asked if they can go home or have someone bring them something to change. If this is not possible, then the individual will be sent to ISS for the remainder of the school day.

Sincerely,

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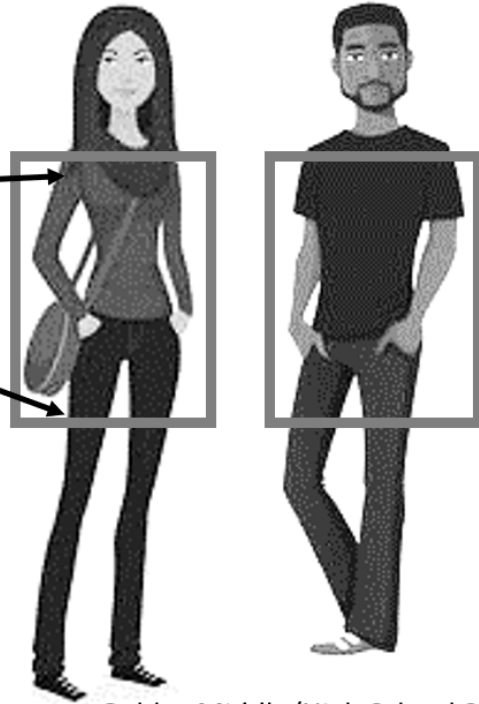
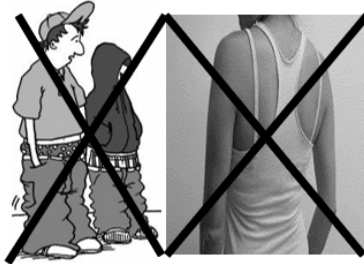
Follow the Dress Code:

Prohibited:

- Hats/head coverings (excluding hair accessories)
- Sleeveless shirts, or tops without straps that are at least three fingers wide.
- Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, half-shirts, etc.
- Pants worn below the waist (sagging).
- Coats or other outerwear designed to be worn out of doors.
- Chains or spiked jewelry, or spiked accessories of any kind.
- Clothing that promotes death or destruction, clothing that promotes vulgar, lewd, sexual connotations, or obscene language, clothing that promotes gang or illegal activity.
- Clothing that promotes or displays alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
- Skin tight clothing such as garments made of nylon or spandex.
- Clothing considered to be nightwear, to include slippers.
- Clothing that shows midriff or cleavage, see through or sheer clothing, or lingerie style clothing.

Cover Up
Starting at the shoulders and ending no less than mid-thigh

+ No Underwear Showing



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