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Memo:

From: Mark Heuring, MJSHS Principal

To: Jr. High School Parents

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Subject: Dress Code Concerns

While spring has officially begun, I would like to take this time to remind parents and students about the MJSHS dress code policy. As always, the faculty and staff are concerned with students wearing short shorts and low cut shirts. Bottom line we want to keep each students integrity intact. To help parents with this issue and remind students about our dress code policy, I am attaching the dress code from the MJSHS handbook. Please be aware that students will be asked to change if there are concerns about their attire. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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DRESS CODE - A student's attire and grooming shall be in the best interest of the school with respect to health, welfare, and safety of the individual and student body and must not interrupt the orderly process of education. Shoes, sandals, or equivalent shall be worn to prevent the spread of disease. Protective attire shall be worn in those classes that require protection for the safety and well being of the student. **Schools are to be proper models of society, and as such must maintain higher standards than exist in many communities.** We, therefore, expect our students to dress in an appropriate manner at school. Clothing that is distracting, indecent, or has obscene or improper insignia on it should not be worn at school. (W,D,S,1,3,5,10) Specifically:

- A. Students shall be covered from shoulder to lower-thigh.
- B. Shorts worn to school must be long enough to reach the lower-thigh area.
- C. Only neckline shirts may be worn to school. No scoop neck shirts or shirts that show cleavage may be worn to school.
- D. Students shall not wear halter, tube, or midriff shirts unless worn under a proper shirt, blouse or other attire. All tops shall gather under the arm. No underwear or bra straps shall be exposed at any time. All shirts must be long enough to be tucked into pants.
- E. Mesh or net shirts may be worn only over another shirt.
- F. Hats, caps or sunglasses shall not be worn in the building on any regular school day from the time students arrive at school until the time they leave the building.
- G. Bandanas, scarves or other material that cover a significant portion of a student's head are not to be worn in the building.
- H. Clothing that advertises or promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco or inappropriate advertisements shall not be worn at school.
- I. Clothing having slogans of a vulgar or obscene nature, or which advocates disruptive behavior, racial or ethnic intimidation, or other criminal behavior is improper and shall not be worn at school. (ie: Hooters, Showmes, Hustler, Larry Flynn, etc are examples.)
- J. Wallet chains (or any other decorative chains, ropes, or cables) of any length or style that may pose a safety hazard are inappropriate and may not be worn at school.
- K. Coats, coveralls or any outdoor "second layered" clothing items that disrupt class will be prohibited. Students must store these items in their locker during classroom instructional time. (Pull over and zipper style sweatshirts/hoodies and athletic style windbreakers will be allowed in the classroom.)

The school administration will make all final judgments of what is considered inappropriate. If a student is determined to be wearing clothing or attire of an unacceptable nature (either by its form, message, or general appearance), the student will be asked to change into other acceptable clothing or attire. If alternative clothing or attire is unavailable, the student will be asked to call home and arrange for a parent to bring alternative clothing or the student will be provided alternative clothing to wear while at school if possible. Students refusing to change will be sent immediately to ISS or in extreme instances be given an OSS.