

Parents

We need
your

HELP!

please!

Spring is coming, or we get glimpses of it anyway, and arriving with it comes the nurturing opportunity to talk with your daughter about dress.

The BCS guidelines are these (pg. 11 in their handbook)

- ? Girls, it's OK to wear well-fitted clothing, but make sure it's not too tight!
- ? No bare midriffs (nothing showing)
- ? No short mini-skirts/shorts (make sure it's longer than $\frac{1}{2}$ of your thigh). Be modest walking and sitting in them!
- ? Straps on tops should be at least 3 inches wide.
- ? No low cut shirts. (No cleavage showing!)
- ? No sheer shirts....unless you wear appropriate tops underneath
- ? No low slung pants (no undergarments showing, no bare skin)
- ? For retreats, no two-piece swimsuits; you can wear a dark full length t-shirt as a cover up if you don't have a one piece swimsuit.

An issue that comes up with these guidelines is when girls come to school with revealing tops underneath their coats. When the coat is zipped up there isn't a problem, but when it gets too warm and it's taken off or unzipped there is a problem. What you wear should be appropriate by itself!

These guidelines can become blurry by spring and now seems to be a great time of year to get them back in focus. A good strategy might be to go through your daughter's closet with her and separate out a section of clothes that are appropriate for school, and those that are OK for other places.

With your help and guidance we can make dress less of a distraction to the community on campus. We are sure your hearts and ours are to promote modesty and appropriate dress. To remind students of the importance of these choices the steps below will be taken:

- ? If a student is sent to the office wearing inappropriate clothing, the first and second time, parents will be called and asked to bring more appropriate clothing for their student. The student will not be allowed back into class until he/she has been able to change. Any work missed can not be made up for class time absent.

- ? If a student wears inappropriate clothing a third time, parents will be called to pick up their student. He/she will be suspended the rest of that day plus one additional day. Work missed can not be made up.

P.S. Spring time dress problems tend to be more of an issue for girls. However, boys should also be reminded to dress modestly. For example, pants or shorts should fit so no underwear is showing.

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