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## SGJH Dress Code

All students, male and females, are expected to dress modestly, cleanly, and appropriately for a respectful learning environment. The following guidelines apply to students and staff members:

### What's Appropriate

- Clothing must cover the chest, back, stomach, buttocks, and upper thighs at all times.
- Tops must have sleeves that cover the shoulders. A cap sleeve is a sleeve.
- Bottoms must reach at least mid-thigh.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- Footwear is required at all times.
- Physical Education requires proper gym attire and non-marking running shoes.

### What's Not Allowed

- Bare midriffs, tank tops, halter tops, or clothing that is see-through or overly revealing.
- Clothing with offensive language, violence, drugs, alcohol, or sexually suggestive imagery.
- Rips or tears must not expose skin above mid-thigh (or undergarments).
- Hats, hoods, and headwear indoors are allowed at the teacher's discretion. A teacher may ask a student to remove their hat in their classroom.

### Enforcement

- Students wearing inappropriate clothing will respectfully be asked to change or cover up.
- Repeated violations may result in disciplinary action.
- Final decisions rest with school administration.

Final judgements will always be at the discretion of the school administration. Thank you for helping maintain a positive and respectful school environment.

# Summary of Dress Code Policies

Here is a summary of the student dress codes from schools within and near the Westwind School Division. These are provided here for reference and comparison.

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## Schools within Westwind School Division

### Magrath Junior/Senior High

The Magrath High School, in harmony with the Westwind School Division Administrative Procedures, has established the following as dress standards for our school.

Students are expected to conform to them without constant reminders:

- When a student is standing, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from shoulder to mid-thigh. Tops must have a sleeve and at no time may any part of a student's buttocks be exposed.
  - No clothing with unbecoming slogans or pictures.
  - No suggestive/inappropriate logos and visuals on clothing
  - No vulgar or offensive language
  - No undergarments that are visible
  - Footwear must be worn at all times.
  - Inline skates, skateboards, scooters, ripsticks, heelies are not permitted in the school building.
  - Hats may be worn in a teacher's classroom at the teacher's discretion.
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### Raymond High School

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of the individual and the individual's parents/guardians. We expect students to maintain a type of appearance that is not distracting or detrimental to the educational process of the school. Appropriate attire includes:

- Clothing which covers the chest, back and midriff.
  - Shirt/top that touches the pants/skirt at the hipline or waistline. NO TANK TOPS.
  - Clothing that covers the undergarments at all times.
  - Clothing that does not display inappropriate symbols or graphics.
  - Inside the school classrooms, headwear will not be worn.
  - In situations where clothing is inappropriate, students will be asked to alter their dress, or they may be sent home and their parents consulted.
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## **Cardston High School**

### **School Dress Code**

As a public school students, staff, guests, and volunteers are required to adhere to the school dress code. Clothing should adhere to standards common to public schools. Tank tops, excessively short shorts, midriff baring shirts, clothing with: profanity, images of drugs, images of violence, etc., are not allowed.

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## **Cardston Junior High**

### **Dress Code**

- Students are expected to dress in clean, school-appropriate clothing.
  - Shirts must meet the top of pants or skirts.
  - Clothing must not reference crude language, drugs, alcohol, or offensive material.
  - Shorts must have a minimum 2-inch inseam.
  - Rips or tears in pants/shorts must not be higher than the 2-inch inseam level.
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## **Mountain View School**

### **DRESS CODE**

Students are expected to wear modest and appropriate attire (including footwear) at all times while they are at school.

**NO TANK TOPS OR BARE MIDRIFF TOPS WILL BE ALLOWED. NO SHORT SHORTS.**

Shorts should be of a modest length.

If SPANDEX (leggings) are worn they must be modest.

No clothing may be worn that displays pictures or text that might be offensive to others.

If articles of clothing are reported to be offensive, the student will be asked to go home and change.

No hats may be worn in the school (boys or girls).

It is recommended a change of clothes for P.E., but P.E. non-marking RUNNING SHOES are a must!

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## **Raymond Junior High**

### **Dress Code and Appearance**

Students demonstrate integrity by dressing appropriately for school as they would for work in an informal service business.

Clothing should be suitable for a school environment, and must not be decorated with images or lettering that would be offensive to students, staff or the public.

Clothing which covers the chest, back, midriff, top part thighs and top of shoulders is considered

appropriate.

Shirt/top must touch pant/skirt at the hip or waistline, no skin showing between the top and bottom garment.

Bottoms must cover a reasonable amount of thigh, if bottoms with holes are worn, the holes cannot reveal the top of the thigh, buttocks, or undergarments.

All undergarments must be covered, including when bending down.

Headwear, hats, caps, touques etc. are not to be worn inside the school, unless for religious reasons. Please contact the office so we can be aware of these situations.

In situations where clothing is inappropriate, students will be asked to alter their dress, or they may be sent home and their parents consulted.

Please note, for health and safety concerns, students must wear shoes in the building at all times.

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## **Stirling School**

### **Student Dress**

The appearance of any student is primarily the responsibility of the student and the student's parents/guardian.

We expect students to maintain a type of appearance that is not distracting or detrimental to the educational process of the school.

Attire which is overly revealing (halter tops, revealing tank tops, spaghetti strap top, cut-offs, short shirts which expose navel) or unclean, or any apparel with questionable, suggestive or offensive captions, language or drawings on them is not acceptable.

Bare feet are not allowed in the school.

Gym wear is acceptable only in Physical Education classes.

Shorts, which are shorter than mid-thigh, are considered GYMWEAR.

Judgment of the above will be the responsibility of the administration and staff and their decision is final.

In such cases where a judgment is required, the student may be sent home to change or be removed from class for the day.

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## **Westwind School Division Policy**

### **Administrative Procedure 350 – Appendix: Student Dress**

#### **Background**

Students are to be encouraged to dress and groom themselves in a clean and tidy manner which is appropriate to the community in which the school is located.

#### **Procedures**

1. Extremes in dress and grooming are to be avoided.
2. A dress code is not to impose a financial hardship on any student.

3. It is the responsibility of the Principal and the school council to determine a more precise statement of acceptable dress and grooming for their school.
  4. A Principal may send a student who is in violation of the dress code home to change into appropriate attire.
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## **Schools Outside Westwind School Division (Nearby)**

### **Kainai High School**

#### **Dress Code**

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is consistent with self respect and which is respectful to Kainai Traditions.

Clothing with offensive graphics or slogans which attracts undue attention and contravenes Educational matters is unacceptable.

The following are not acceptable:

- Skirt and/or short length should be at or below fingertips when standing with arms sides.
- Spaghetti strap and deep "V" tank tops
- Clothing that does not cover the entire stomach area (i.e. tube tops, etc.)
- Gang affiliated clothing and accessories

#### **Consequences:**

Students wearing unacceptable clothing or lack of clothing will be asked to change or cover-up. If students do not comply with the request, parents will be called in to take the student home.

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### **Matthew Halton (Pincher Creek)**

Standards for acceptable clothing at school will be applied equally to all students.

Dress codes are a common policy in schools worldwide that don't have school uniforms.

As opposed to school uniforms, dress codes provide guidelines, through which students are allowed to wear any clothing that meets school's requirements.

Dress codes allow students a bit of freedom of expression through their wardrobe.

A school dress code is another aspect of "preparing students for the real world", as many places of employment have dress codes, as do restaurants and other establishments.

#### **The acceptable standards for clothing at school include the following:**

- All clothing or combination of pants/shorts and shirt that does not show belly button when standing with arms by your side.

- All clothing with slogans, advertising, and graphics are allowed except those with nudity, any profanity, words or pictures that would be offensive, graphic violence, or those promoting drug or alcohol use in any way.
  - All clothing must cover at least one half of the student's upper leg (knee to waist). Shorts, commonly referred to as "short shorts" are not acceptable.
  - All clothing is to cover student's undergarments.
  - All clothing that is modest in regards to neckline, style, or material (not deep v-necks or low collars). Shirts that are open-sided would not be deemed school appropriate. If there is any question or dispute on this, an administrator will have complete discretion for this decision.
  - Hats are acceptable for the hallways and common areas; however, students are asked to remove them in the classrooms where teachers have requested that they be removed.
  - Grad and spring celebration attire may be exempt from some of the standards listed above.
  - If a student has clothing that does not meet the standard they will be asked to change their attire.
  - If a student feels their clothes meet the standard, the staff member may seek the opinion of an administrator.
  - Under parental approval, students may be excused from school to return home to change during class time.
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## **F.P. Walshe (Fort Macleod)**

I could not find any information from this school at the time of searching.

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## **Schools in Lethbridge**

Most Lethbridge schools use the same general dress code language. The example below is from **LCI High School**:

Students should dress in a manner appropriate for school. Clothing that displays unacceptable language or images will be considered inappropriate for a school setting.

Through the Education Act, school personnel are given the authority to determine the acceptability of student dress.

Students with unacceptable dress will be asked to either:

1. Change their clothing
2. Acceptably alter their clothing
3. Be sent home

In Lethbridge, schools generally rely on the Education Act to grant authority to staff regarding student dress. This results in broad and sometimes inconsistent enforcement across schools, as there are few specific guidelines shared publicly.

I believe our school dress code is in line with other schools.