

Dumbarton Dress Code (Updated 3/15/17)

Dumbarton Middle School is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment that is conducive to student learning. While appropriate dress and appearance are the responsibility of the students and parents, they shouldn't interfere with any aspect of the educational process. In the interest of maintaining a policy that is functional and fair for all students, our school dress code is annually reviewed by the PTSA, the faculty, the School Improvement Team, and the Student Government Association. Students are asked to abide by the dress code during the day and while participating in or being transported to/from school-sponsored activities and events.

Specifically student attire that is disruptive to the school environment will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to that which:

1. Depicts messages that are lewd, vulgar, obscene, plainly offensive, violent, sexually explicit or that reference items that are illegal in general or illegal specifically for underage students;
2. Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or other illegal or harmful products;
3. Contains sexually suggestive messages;
4. Depicts gang affiliation; No bandanas
5. Causes or is likely to cause a substantial or material disruption to school activities or the orderly and safe operation of the school or school-sponsored activities;
6. Contains rude, disrespectful or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior

The following are also **not permitted**:

1. Headwear, except for medical reasons or as an expression of a student's religious practice & faith
2. Headphones, except when used in class for educational purposes

BCPS issued laptop computer bags are expected to be used to carry devices at all times inside the school and when carrying the devices home. Bulky coats, backpacks, string bags, and tote bags should remain in lockers during the day unless given permission to be utilized by an administrator.

Students that violate the dress code are subject to administrative intervention and/or disciplinary action. We want to emphasize that no aspect of the Dumbarton Dress Code is intended to target any specific group based on sex, gender, sexuality, race, religion, or other such characteristics. If you feel that there is an issue of this kind, please contact an administrator or your school counselor. We thank you as a school community for supporting our dress code policy as we are all dedicated and committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment that is conducive to student learning.

