

Method Schools Board Policy BP 4.1

Dress Code

Method Schools believes it is important to require a standard of dress for when students are on site or attending a school-related event. These instances include (but are not limited to) outings, testing, community day, etc. Clothing worn should promote the learning process and appropriate behavior. It is expected that students will wear clothing that is consistent with their health, safety, and welfare.

The following standard of dress must be observed in these instances:

- Shorts and skirts must be longer than the tips of fingers when arms are relaxed at sides
- No strapless or backless tops or dresses
- No bare midriffs
- No low cut tops revealing cleavage
- Undergarments must not show (for example, saggy pants or sheer clothing)
- No item of clothing may display foul or derogatory language or artwork

Additionally, Local law enforcement officials indicate that certain types of dress contribute to gang association and violence. Students wearing gang attire become targets for violence even though they are not gang members. In addition, the baggy, oversized clothing now identified as gang related, presents a safety hazard since it allows students to more readily conceal dangerous objects such as knives, and other weapons or provide hiding places for drugs and drug paraphernalia. Accordingly, the following types of clothing have been identified as gang related:

- Oversized, baggy pants
- Excessively large shirts and jackets
- Military style and/or steel-toed boots
- Oversized belts and/or initial on buckles
- Caps/hats
- Shirts depicting or promoting violence towards police and/or others and/or graffiti or “tagging”
- Clothing which features lewd or obscene language