

ALGONQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
DRESS CODE REVISED
September 1, 2006

Students must be covered from shoulder to knee. Skirts and shorts must be knee-length. Wearing leggings DOES NOT change the length of skirts or shorts. All shirts must have sleeves and cover the chest. Underwear should not be visible. Pants must be pulled up to the waist and fastened so that they will remain in that position.

The following items may **not** be worn:

- Any halter tops, crop tops, tank tops, muscle shirts or fishnet shirts.
- Any short shorts or short, (mini), skirts.
- Mutilated clothes.
- Hanging belts, pocket/wallet chains that dangle from clothes.
- Any hats, hoods, scarves, caps, bandanas, or sunglasses or symbols that may represent gangs, (ie: untied shoelaces or shoe tongues sticking up; jeans tucked into shoe tongues, jeans worn with rubber bands harnessing the legs to give a "cropped look", velcro straps unstrapped or strapped to the side rather than around the shoes). Any shirts and/or pants with the number thirteen on them.
- Any representation of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on clothing or jewelry, or other symbols associated with or related to gangs or gang activities in school buildings.
- Any suggestive, abusive, inappropriate, or offensive messages/artwork, or sexual innuendo on students' clothing.
- Any coats/jackets/wind breakers in the building during school hours.
- Any hats or scarves in the building during school hours.

Special attire is not required for physical education classes, shorts and T-shirt from home or an AMS PE uniform may be worn. Students should bring workout type clothing to be worn during cold weather, students must come prepared to be outside for PE and recess, with coats, hats, gloves, etc.

Students are expected to use common sense, and come to school clean, well groomed, and **dressed in a manner appropriate for a school environment.** Students shall have the right to dress and groom themselves according to their personal taste as long as such dress and grooming do not present health or safety hazards, disrupt the educational process, or negatively affect discipline. Parents are expected to assume responsibility for their children's attire. This support and cooperation is vital in order to enhance the learning environment.

The dress code is applicable whenever on school property including dances, social and/or sporting events, or when on a field trip. It must be followed when representing *Algonquin Middle School* in any venue.

All staff members will be checking for compliance with the dress code policy **throughout the school day**, beginning with attendance center. Any student violating the dress code will be required to go to the main office. A designated staff member, of the same gender, will determine if the dress code is in fact being violated. If so, the student will be given appropriate

clothing to change into for the remainder of the school day. When the student is given this appropriate clothing, they will be required to leave their inappropriate clothing item (s) in the office. Upon return of the school issued clothing, the student will receive their clothing back.

Intentional and/or repeated violations, including subsequent violations within the same day, will result in further disciplinary action.

At school dances, the following guidelines must be followed:

- no midriff showing
- no strapless tops/dresses
- shorts/skirts must be **knee length** or longer

Our signatures below indicates that we have read and discussed the revised dress code and agree to abide by it.

Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date