

Bridges Preparatory Academy Dress Code:

Bridges Preparatory Academy expects that a student will not call undue attention to themselves due to immodest dress, unkept appearance, or any other form of exaggerated clothing styles, hairdos, or jewelry. Appropriate wearing apparel and acceptable standards of grooming are expected of all students. Therefore, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- All students will exercise good hygiene habits, clean body, hair and clothing.
- Shoes are to be worn by all students while on school grounds. In addition, skate-shoes, flip-flops, or other footwear that pose a safety concern are not to be worn.
- Brief and revealing clothing are not appropriate for the school. The following guideline on brief and revealing clothing are examples and do not cover all situations: Students should refrain from wearing halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, see through, cut off or cut low clothing items, spandex-type shorts, spandex-type pants (pants are ok if worn appropriate top that come to mid-thigh length on a student. Midriff and undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- Students shall not wear clothing items that contain messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous; that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability, or that promotes alcohol or drug use, or violence.
- Students shall not wear overcoats or outdoor coats in the classroom or during class time.
- Gang colors: identification insignias, bandannas, and any other item deemed to be disruptive to the school environment are prohibited.
- Excessive ornamentation will not be permitted. Examples include but are not limited to: wallet chains, dog collars, visible facial or body piercing (with the exception of pierced ears) and other items of this nature.
- Costume style make up may not be worn.
- Loose fitting pants are to be worn on, or above the hips with no undergarment showing.
- Excessively torn clothing is not to be worn.

The student dress code is an important part of the school program and philosophy. Making a choice to attend the school, the student (with parent support) agrees to follow all dress code requirements. **The dress code is not an option for the student or parent.** Not choosing to follow the dress code may lead to suspension or expulsion.