

## Van Wyck Dress Code 2007-2008

### Purpose:

The purpose of the dress code is to help establish the optimum learning environment for all our students. We believe that the dress code will instill respect for self as well as foster mutual respect among all students. We believe that our students can only benefit by a dress code which seeks to enhance the overall atmosphere of learning.

- ✓ Student dress and grooming is to be neat, clean, and safe at all times.
- ✓ Clothing or jewelry that supports or promotes profanity, the consumption of alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco, sexually suggestive phrases, or any other inappropriate phrases or symbols is not permitted
- ✓ At no time should the student's midriff be visible while standing, sitting, walking, or participating in normal school activities.
- ✓ All head gear including, but not limited to, hats, sunglasses, hair curlers, skullies, do-rags, and bandanas, may not be worn in class. Head covering is reserved for religious and health and safety reasons only.
- ✓ Articles hanging from clothing, such as chains, are not permitted.
- ✓ Pajamas are not permitted.
- ✓ Shoes, sandals and sneakers are to be worn properly laced and safely secured to the feet. Flip-flops are not permitted.
- ✓ Skin-tight fitted clothing is not permitted. Clothing that inappropriately exposes body parts or articles of undergarments are not permitted. This means specifically no low-cut shirts, no tank tops, no spaghetti strap tops, no halter tops, no vests, no see-through or mesh garments worn without clothing underneath. Sleeveless tops are permitted.
- ✓ Students may not dress in any way that exposes any underclothing at any time.
- ✓ **All shorts are to be worn below mid-thigh.** Pants should not be worn below the heel of the shoe. Skirts and dresses are to be worn near the knee.
- ✓ All shorts, pants, and skirts must be worn at the waist and not below the waist.
- ✓ Coats, jackets, or outer clothing, etc. must be placed in lockers and not worn during school.
- ✓ Backpacks or book bags are not to be worn, or carried, during school. These must be placed in the locker.