2017-2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Magnet High School

Student Dress Code Policy

Metro Nashville Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Magnet High School (MLK) students are expected to always dress appropriately showing respect for themselves and others. Inappropriate or disrespectful attire will not be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, short shorts or skirts, sagging pants, torn garments, tight clothing, etc. Specifically:

* Shorts/skirts/dresses must be mid-thigh in length.
* Undershirts/tank tops/spaghetti straps are prohibited for males and females. If worn, they must be worn with another “cover up” shirt.  Shoulders, backs, chests, and midriffs must be covered.
* Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers are not appropriate.
* Hats and other head coverings (including hoodies) are prohibited.
	+ *Special Provisions*
		- Approved head coverings worn as part of a student’s bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy. MLK will provide reasonable accommodation to students whose bona fide religious belief, medical condition, or disability requires special clothing.
* Writing or images of substances that are illegal for teens (i.e. drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) or are otherwise offensive, lewd, indecent, vulgar, obscene, profane or gang-related, or constitute racial or ethnic slurs, may not be worn.
* Tattoos that display drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, or gang or sex-related words or images must not be seen at any time.
* Chains and spiked accessories are not permissible.

MLK reserves the right to modify this policy as necessary and reserves the right to determine what might be disruptive and unsafe.