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- The bottom of a student's shirt, blouse or top must meet the top of his/her pants, shorts or skirts while in the standing and/or sitting position.
- There should be no bare midriffs. Students must be able to raise his/her arms above his/her head without exposing bare areas.
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- Tights, leggings, and jeggings
- Pajamas
- Slippers
- Clothing items that display profanity, violence, lewd/obscene messages, sexually suggestive phrases, symbols for alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, or any symbols/phrases that would be offensive to common propriety or decency.
- Head coverings (caps, hats, bandannas, hair curlers, sunglasses)
- Any article of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury
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