Columbia Middle School
Dress Code Policy 2023-2024

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Shirts

● Students Must be in an appropriate shirt.

● Shirts must have sleeves, cannot have inappropriate language or advertise for products that the buyer must be 21 or over.
● Shirts cannot say slang words that Identify as products that buyers have to be over 21 (For example "Cookies")
● Shirts can be Long or short sleeves
● Logos and Brand Names must be appropriate

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Belts, Shoes

● Pants must be worn to cover hips and backside
● Must fit properly – not too loose or tight .
Pants must be free of holes or tears and may not show skin
● Must be appropriate length – longer than fingertips
● Legging type material is inappropriate
● No open-toed or high heels allowed on campus
● Crocs must be worn with the strap on in the back, those without a strap are not allowed

Socks, Leggings, Undergarments/Shirts

● Leggings may not be worn as pants
● Sweatshirts, Sweaters, and Coats must be not have inappropriate language or advertise for products that the buyer must be over 21
● Undergarments must be covered at all times
● Logos and Brand must be appropriate

Hats, Beanies
Dress Code Accessories

● Earrings shall be no longer than one inch from the ear (large hoops will be removed)
● Gauge or spike style earrings shall stay home ● Bare midriff or bare back blouses are not allowed to be worn at school
● Clothing or accessories that are deemed offensive to others or cause a disruption are not allowed
● Dying any part of hair in bright/vivid colors – including hair extensions is considered inappropriate if it becomes a distraction to the learning environment.

● Cosmetics are inappropriate at school and if seen will be confiscated
● Items that are gang, violent, sex or drug related are inappropriate
● Bandanas, "do-rags," nylon stocking caps, or caps worn backwards are inappropriate
● Offensive Tattoos, permanent or temporary, are inappropriate and must be covered while at school
● Students tattooing themselves with pens or markers will be asked to wash it off their skin
● Facial piercings will need to be covered while on campus or should be removed

Non-Compliance with Dress Code

● If an item that is not listed in this document causes a distraction to the learning environment, it will not be allowed.
● If you have a question about a particular item of clothing, it should be asked of the administration.
● BEFORE the item is worn, bring the item to school first and ask the administration if it is allowed to be worn
● Items only worn outside or at the gym, and are not to be worn inside classrooms
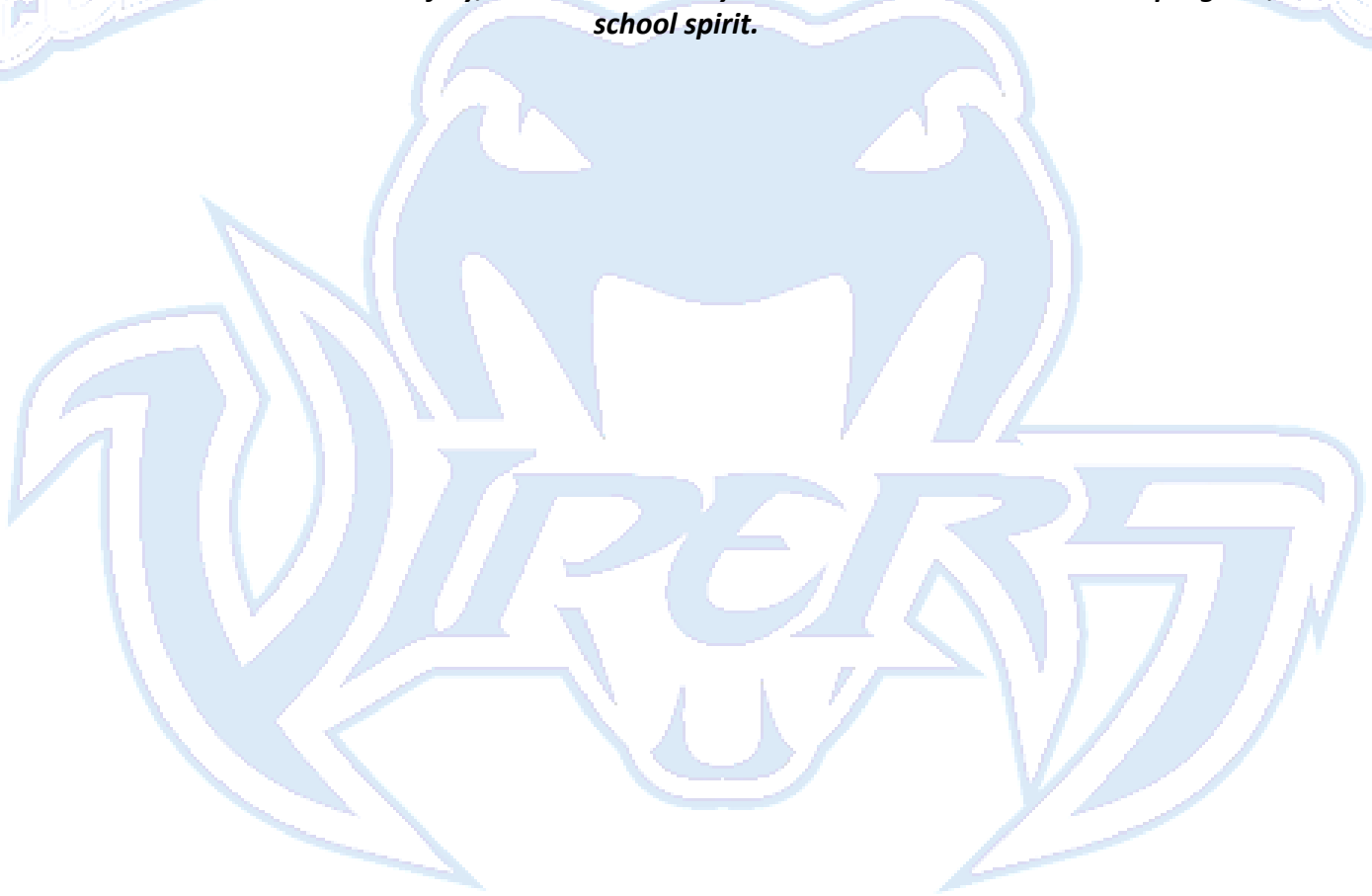● Writing or logos must be appropriate

Board Policy 5132: Dress and Grooming

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Our Vision is that we aspire to be a culture where each student has ownership of their academic, social and emotional learning becoming prepared for success in life.

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