**Dress Policy- Patriot Oaks**

Our dress code is based off the district code of conduct where it states the following:

*“Standards: Girls tops and shirts must cover the entire shoulder and they must be modest and not revealing or distracting. Midriff or “cut-out” dresses and “cut-out” tops may not be worn. Extremely short skirts are not allowed. Skirts must be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee. Revealing clothing, pajamas and lingerie are not acceptable. Underwear must not be exposed. Pants must be worn at the waist.”*

The purpose of our dress code is to help all students be modest and appropriately dressed for school. The guidelines pertain to school and all school sponsored functions, unless otherwise stated.

To help, please keep these specific guidelines in mind when purchasing clothes for the school year:

* **Shorts:**
  + must be fingertip length. Shorts may not have any rips that expose skin. Shorts for PE must be the approved PE shorts purchased through POA Athletics.
* **Shirts:** Straps must be at least two fingers wide. Off the shoulder shirts must have straps that meet this guideline. Bralettes do not count as straps for off the shoulder shirts.
* No bare midriffs allowed. Shirts must be long enough to where, when a student raises their hand, no skin shows.
* Tank tops for both boys and girls must be cut close to the underarm.
* Ripped/frayed jeans: no holes allowed above fingertip length.
* No undergarments can be showing at any time. Lace bralettes and sports bras are ok to be seen around the neck only if worn under a shirt that meets the dress code guidelines.
* No backless shirts or dresses that expose a back bra strap.
* Shoes need to have backs for safety. (this applies only during school hours)
* Low cut/revealing or see-through tops are not appropriate.
* Clothing should not display any images or words that are offensive or suggestive in any way. No depictions of tobacco or alcohol on clothes is permitted.
* No pajamas are to be worn unless for a class celebration.
* Leggings are acceptable only with a long shirt that covers the student’s bottom. If any part of the legging is see-though, those exposed areas cannot be above fingertip length.
* No hats can be worn unless for a class celebration. This includes beanies and hoodies.

The school principal or designee will communicate in a discrete and positive matter with the student if there is a concern with a student’s attire. Parents will be contacted as well. School personnel will offer replacement attire or alternate clothing can be brought in from home. The ultimate decision regarding dress code violations reside with the school administration.