

August 28, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The first week of school is coming to a close and we believe it has been a very good start to the school year. We hope that your student has become comfortable with their schedule and teachers. We have met with each grade level throughout the week to highlight a few topics in the student handbook. One of those topics was the new dress code. During the course of this week, we have had a handful of dress code violations occur (a total of 17 as of this printing). We have dealt with these situations as warnings and have informed the student and parent that if a 2<sup>nd</sup> dress code violation should occur it will result in a 1 day out of school suspension. The majority of the violations this week have been due to misinterpretation. This letter is being sent to help you and your student clearly understand our position regarding the dress code. The following are specific items for you and your student to know regarding the student dress code:

1. RE: **Jeans** –It is a violation of the dress code if skin or underclothing can be seen through a student's jeans at any time (while they are standing or sitting, knees bent or straight).
2. RE: **Tank Top Type Apparel** – It is a violation of the dress code if shoulders are exposed.
3. RE: **Capri Pants** – It is a violation of the dress code if the pants are not to the mid-calf in length. (If they only come to the knee or just below the knee that is the same as a long pair of shorts which are unacceptable as well.)
4. RE: **Flip-Flops** –It is a violation of the dress code to wear footwear that has a strap through the toes without a back OR has a band over the foot without a back.
5. RE: **Facial Piercings** –It is a violation of the dress code for any facial piercings (including tongue piercings) to be visible. Simply covering them with a band aid or tape is not acceptable.
6. RE: **Grooming** – It is a violation of the dress code if a student's grooming attracts undue attention (example: a mohawk, colored hair).

It is our recommendation that if your student is in question, even the slightest, regarding an article of clothing being acceptable – they should not wear it.

In closing, we wanted to let you know that all students will begin with a clean dress code record beginning Monday, August 31 (even those students who had a violation this week). All students have been informed of the policy and our expectations. Beginning on Monday, August 31 we will adhere to our 1 warning and then out of school suspension for dress code violations. *Please understand that these consequences are for any violation of the dress code (example: if a student chooses to wear shorts on Monday, Aug. 31 they will receive their 1 warning for a dress code violation; if that same student chooses to wear a tank top on Tuesday, Sept. 1 they will then have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dress code violation and will be suspended for 1 day).*

We are certain that with clear communication from us and your continued support, we will be able to work together to create the best learning atmosphere for our students at Indian Valley High School. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Love or myself.

Sincerely,

Troy Page, Principal

Bill Love, Dean of Students