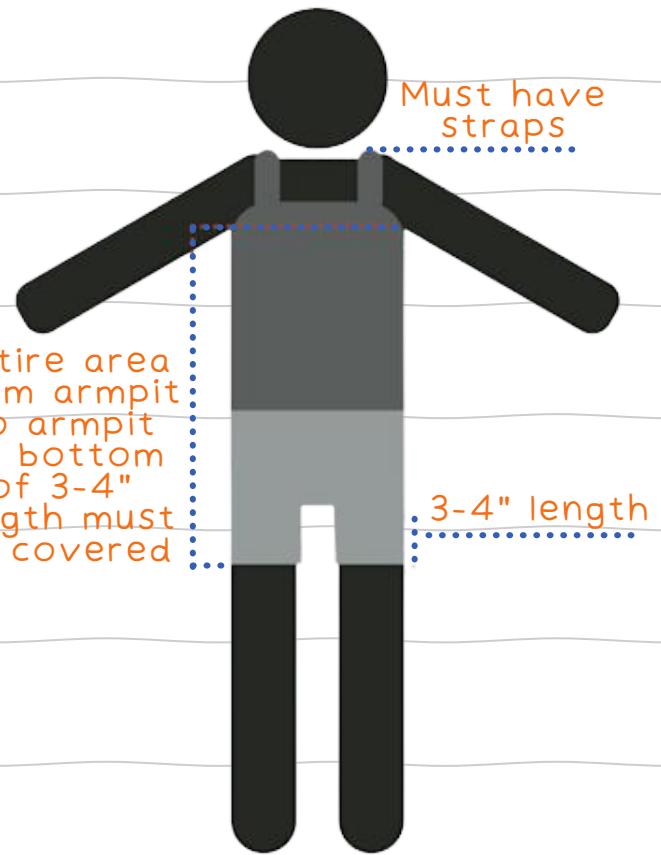


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- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately 3 to 4 inches in length on the upper thighs (see image). Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the 3 to 4 inches in length.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (pajamas, bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the Principal).
- See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meets the minimum requirements of the dress code.
- Headgear, including hats, hoodies, and caps, is not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reasons by school administration.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.



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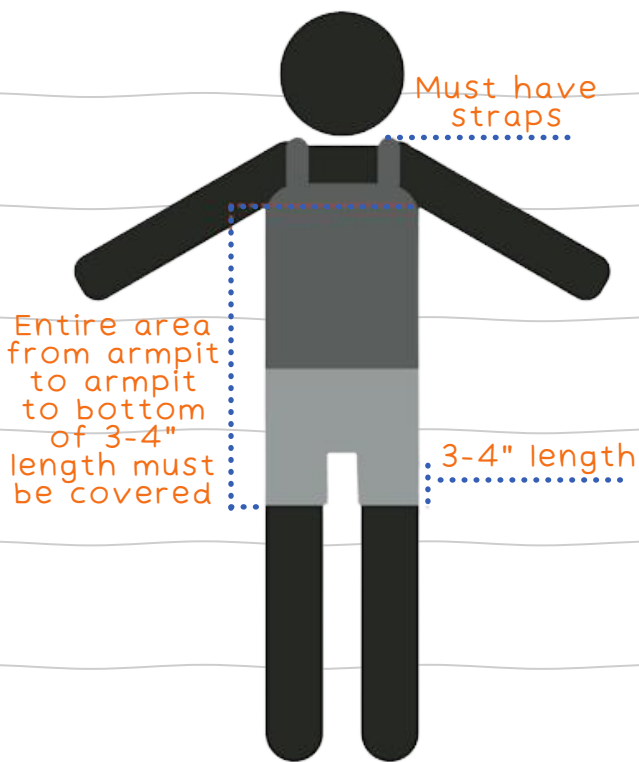
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 - pornography, nudity, or sexual acts
 - vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images
 - hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside of the building.
- Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
- Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

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