**In the world of work, students will be expected to comply with standards of dress and appearance.  Our CHMS Staff will support these expectations by modeling the expectations of dress.  The following guidelines have been established by the Pasco County School Board and the CHMS Staff in order to promote an orderly learning environment.**

* Modest clothing of such style and design as shall be consistent with community.
* Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikini tank tops, and spandex clothing (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreational activities) are not appropriate apparel for the regular school session.
* Spandex or leggings may be worn when the top garment extends down to fingertip length.
* \*Shorts and skirts as long as they are of a modest length. Modest length is fingertip length
* Clothing shall be worn appropriately; e.g., pants shall be worn securely at the waist. No abdominal skin or undergarments is to be exposed or visible through outerwear.
* Blouses, shirts, tops and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit.
* Shirts must have sleeves. Tank tops are permitted with a t-shirt w/sleeves underneath. Spaghetti straps and strapless tops are prohibited.
* Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
* Clothes, bodies, and hair will be clean and well groomed.
* Hats or head coverings (bandanas/beanies) are prohibited on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities by the principal.
* \*Shoes are worn for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable.
* Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted, written or attached to the body or clothing which are offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or which identify them as members of antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions.
* Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process. Wallet chains or dog collars shall not be permitted.
* **The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student’s or staff appearance meets school and community standards**. The principal’s decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

**Intervention:**

1. An initial violation of the dress code, depending on the severity, will result in a conference with the student with a restatement of the appropriate dress code expectations.
2. Requirement to change into appropriate clothing.
3. Repeated violations of the dress code will be considered defiance and a school discipline will be issued..