



## **FAMILY HANDBOOK HIGH SCHOOL ADDENDUM**

### **CORNERSTONES OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

- Our program is not limited to simply offering accommodations or modifications. Instead, the student actually develops the skills and concepts needed for future vocational and/or academic endeavors.
- We will take a personalized approach to learning based on the unique strengths and challenges of each student and on future career objectives. By so doing, a student may have a hybrid program including courses from both the academic and practical arts program.
- Instruction will be designed around developmentally appropriate learning activities
- Collaborative learning, social development and the development of independent work/study skills will be emphasized as an integral part of all subjects.
- The use of technology will be embedded into all aspects of the academic program.
- Class sizes will be small – ensuring targeted help and interventions.

### **HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Just as adults dress appropriately for work, proper attire for students is more conducive to a positive educational experience. Summit Academy's dress code is designed to do the following:

- Make certain all students are comfortable, safe, and ready to learn
- Teach students the value of dressing appropriately for different occasions
- Help students develop a sense of pride in their appearance
- Enable students to participate in all activities that they may encounter throughout the day
- Reduce distractions in the classroom for all students

Changes may occur throughout the school year as fashion changes. This will be at the discretion of the Head of School and Principal. It will be the decision of the teacher as to whether or not a student may return to class prior to a dress code violation being corrected.

To accomplish this, the following dress code rules apply:

- Hats:  
Hats/hoodies are not to be worn in the school building unless a special Hat Day is declared
- Shoes:
  - No heels
  - No flip flops
  - No shoes that have wheels in the soles
  - On PE instruction days, athletic shoes must be worn

- Pants/Skirts/Shorts:
  - Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be fingertip length
  - Pants/jeans must be worn at the waist – no sagging
  - No holes, frays, tears, slits in pants/jeans above knees
  - Leggings may only be worn under a skirt or dress
  
- Tops:
  - No bare shoulders
  - No low cut arm holes
  - Midriffs must not be exposed
  - Shirts/blouses made with see-through material must be worn with a shirt underneath
  - No undergarments visible
  - No inappropriate messages or images are to be displayed on any clothing
  
- Jackets/Coats/Sweatshirts:
  - All coats, other than jackets with school logo must be secured in locker at the beginning of the school day
  - Hoods can never be worn over the head while inside the school building
  
- Jewelry/Tattoos:
  - No distracting jewelry or jewelry displaying inappropriate messages or images
  - Piercings limited to ears and no more than two per ear
  - No visible tattoos
  
- Uniform for job-site visits:  
 Students may be given specific dress requirements for various job-site visits. Teachers will communicate these requirements to students and parents when necessary.

## HIGH SCHOOL TESTING SCHEDULE

- Criterion-reference tests will be used throughout the academic year in the same fashion as described for grades K-8.
- As a part of the high school program, students will be administered interest and skill inventories in order to determine possible career paths.
- Those students seeking to attend post secondary school will be counseled in the assessments necessary for admission into those programs. Preparatory exams will be given to students when applicable.
- Annual standardized achievement testing may be administered at the discretion of administration and/or faculty.