



## **Appropriate Attire for Dance**

Arts Education is aware that students are wearing attire (in class, in rehearsal and in performance) that is not in line with the school board policy of "no midriffs."

While it is not easy to defend - there may be some way to negotiate flexibility on the "costume" issue and censorship.

One might even be able to justify that in dance class for "alignment" purposes there should be flexibility with "no midriff" interpretation.

However - there is absolutely NO NEED for students to walk through the halls - to the auditorium - or anywhere else on campus wearing dance attire that does not meet school board policy.

When arts students are allowed exceptions to the rules - the arts take a beating - this issue of dance attire is simply not worth the bad press.

Please encourage your students to make good choices when they are in the halls and be prepared to defend your costume selection if asked.

Thanks again for your continued commitment to quality arts education.