

## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards and maintains a positive learning climate. Dressing and grooming standards are considered an essential part of the educational process. All students are expected to dress and groom themselves neatly in clothing suitable for school activities.

The school has the right to ask a student to change his/her dress or personal grooming habits if it is deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the educational environment. Repeat violations of the dress and grooming code shall be considered defiance of authority and may result in disciplinary action as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Administrators will make the final determination as to what constitutes appropriate attire. Parents who have difficulty providing clothing or shoes for their children should contact the campus counselor for assistance.

Exceptions and additional requirements to the dress code may be made in supervised physical activities, some extracurricular activities, or school-sponsored events as determined by the principal. Medical exceptions shall be made upon certification from the family physician of the student. In an attempt to minimize lost instructional time, students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes. Students will be asked to change into school provided attire. Students refusing to change will face disciplinary actions. Students will not be allowed to sit at the office awaiting a change of clothes.

The following expectations are required of all students in the district:

- All clothing must fit and be worn properly.
- All clothing must be appropriate for school.
- Revealing or tight-fitting materials/apparel is not appropriate.
- Garments may not have oversized pockets.
- Clothing items are to be free of holes from fingertip length and above.
- School-provided, athletics-issued garments are to be worn only during the designated athletic activities.
- All articles/layers of clothing together must independently meet the dress code requirements. No coats will be allowed to cover inappropriate dress.
- Pajamas are not allowed and are not considered athletic attire when it is permitted.
- The midriff may not be visible, even when hands are raised above the head.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- On the high school campus, students will be required to have their student ID on and visible during the academic day.

### ***Pants/Shorts/Slacks/Skirts/Jeans/Denim/Dresses***

- No athletic shorts (grades 6-12), sweats, wind pants, yoga pants or other athletic attire may be worn except for school activities.
- Items must be properly sized, fitted, and worn so as not to expose the midriff, other body parts or undergarments.
- Tights may be worn under another garment that meets the dress code.

- Shorts, skirts, dresses must be fingertip length. This will be measured with the student standing.
- Leggings are permitted with fingertip length shirt.

### ***Shirts/Tops/Sweaters/Jackets***

- No low-cut fronts, cutouts or cleavage showing.
- The following items of clothing are not appropriate for school wear:
  - Muscle shirts or tank tops
  - Backless, see-through, short, bare-midriff, cut-out and/or strapless attire
  - Tops with thin shoulder straps
  - Shoulder straps of shirts/tops/dresses must be at least the width of a dollar bill or student ID at grades 3-12.
  - No trench coats/oversized jackets/coats are permitted.

### ***Hair***

- Must be well groomed.
- Hair must be clean, trimmed and kept out of the eyes.
- No arrangements that are distracting in the educational environment:
  - Unnatural colors (i.e. red, blue, green, purple, etc.)
  - Designs (such as mohawks, rat tails, words, symbols, etc.)

### ***Symbols***

- Any article of clothing that displays illegal activities, alcohol or drug slogans or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including, but not limited to, those that promote (suggest) sex, violence, or anti- social behavior or do not promote positive behavioral expectations will not be allowed.

### ***Accessories***

- Beads, earrings, armbands, wristbands, or other items, which symbolize anti-social group membership will not be worn. This includes spiked rings, other spiked jewelry, wallet chains, or gang related jewelry.
- Head coverings - will not be worn or displayed at any time on campus during the school day unless the student is participating in a school-sponsored outdoor activity. Hats, caps or head coverings are not allowed on campus during the school day.
- Oversized necklaces will not be permitted (i.e., dog chains, large chains).
- Bandanas and sweatbands are not allowed.
- Jewelry on teeth or in the mouth is not permitted.
- Wallets with chains are not permitted

### ***Shoes***

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- All shoes must fit appropriately (securely and appropriately fastened).
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are strongly encouraged at grades PK-6, due to safety and outdoor activities.
- Platform, high heel or stacked sole shoes more than one-inch high are not permitted.
- It is beneficial for the students to wear tennis shoes or sports shoes to activities such as P.E./Athletics or recess.
- Shoes with wheels connected are not permitted.

- Bedroom slippers are not allowed.

***Body Markings/Tattoos/Earrings/Piercings/Make-Up***

- Students will not be allowed to display tattoos while in school dress (must be covered at all times).
- Students may have ear piercings and single nose stud piercing
- **No other visible body piercings** are permitted.
- Tattoos, writing, or marking on any visible part of the body is not acceptable.

**The campus principal** has the final authority to determine whether a student's dress is within requirements of the District and campus dress codes. The principal's judgment will determine whether any items of dress, mentioned or not mentioned in the District or a campus dress code, will be considered inappropriate school attire.