

**FINALIZED DRESS CODE**  
**AMENDED FOR CLARIFICATION JULY 25, 2023**

**APPENDIX II**

**EL CAMPO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPONENT DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES**

As a matter of policy, the District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCFL(LOCAL).

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set in this document with the student dress code outlined in the student handbook.

**STANDARDS FOR APPAREL (Appropriate Attire)**

**BOTTOMS**

- Acceptable lower body clothing includes jeans or slacks (khaki or chino material), and shorts or skirts. Athletic attire material (mesh shorts, sweats, etc.) is NOT acceptable for shorts or pants.
- Bottoms should be appropriately sized, and appropriate undergarments will be worn and must not be visible.
- Baggy or sagging pants will not be permitted. Pants must be worn at a level that covers the clothing beneath (untucked shirts will not be allowed as a substitute to cover undergarments). Clarification: pants/shorts must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than the longer of: (1) three inches above the knee; or (2) fingertip length.
- If bottoms have rips, frays, or holes, skin above the knee should **NOT** be visible and leggings must be worn under the bottoms to hide exposed skin.
- Leggings, joggers, tights, pajama pants, or similar apparel shall not be worn as the primary bottom clothing.

**TOPS**

- Appropriate shirts include: solid, striped, or patterned shirts with a collar, or Ricebird, college, or military branch t-shirts.
- Tops may not expose midribs, shoulders, or the torso.

## **OUTERWEAR**

- Outerwear, including sweatshirts, sweaters, sweater vests, coats, and jackets must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and in length.
- With the exception of the collared requirement, outerwear when worn inside the building must comply with dress and grooming identified in "TOPS" above.
- Students wearing outerwear clothing are required to be in dress code if the outerwear is removed.

## **SHOES**

- PK-12 students must wear shoes at all times.
- If the shoes have laces, they must be tied or fastened at all times.
- For safety reasons, all elementary school students (PK-5) must wear shoes that enclose the foot and heel to ensure safe participation in recess and physical education activities.

## **STANDARDS FOR MISCELLANEOUS APPAREL**

- Piercings worn anywhere except the ears are prohibited for all students. Female students may wear earrings in the ears.
- Studded/spiked jewelry and pocket chains are not to be worn.
- All clothing must be appropriately sized.
- Clothing should be worn as it is designed to be worn. (Example: Not backward, inside-out, etc.)
- Dark glasses are not allowed in the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
- "Wild Eye" contacts are prohibited.
- No head coverings of any kind (including baseball caps, hoodies, etc.) shall be worn on campuses during the school day.
- Mouth-grills worn over a student's teeth are not permitted.

## **STANDARDS FOR HAIR PRE-K - 12**

- Hair and hairstyles shall not impede the learning of yourself or others.
- A student's eyes and vision will not be obstructed by their hair style.
- Male students may not have hair that extends below the top of the shirt collar. This expectation includes when participating in school functions.
- Sideburns are not to be lower than the ear lobes.
- Students may not wear mustaches and beards. Hair must be a natural color.
- No designs or notches are to be shaved into the hair or eyebrows.

Additional dress and grooming guidelines that exceed the district dress code can be established by sponsors or coaches of extracurricular or co-curricular clubs, activities, or sports.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal shall request that the student make appropriate corrections. Principals will use acceptable discipline management techniques in accordance with the age of the student to ascertain compliance. Parents will be notified if their child refuses to comply, and appropriate due process will be followed prior to disciplinary action.

Students who violate provisions of the dress code at co-curricular activities may be removed or excluded from the co-curricular activity for such period as the principal may determine.

*Exceptions to these rules may be left to the discretion of the school principal in any unusual situations or circumstances.*