

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The following statements are presented for parents and students as a point of reference in regard to student dress. The following does not include every possible infraction; when in question, all decisions are at principal discretion.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The District prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writing on clothing, accessories (i.e. jewelry, rings or belt buckles) and not limited to, but includes shaved or cut eyebrows and shaved images in hair that:

- present concern for safety (i.e. chains, dog collars);
- are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene;
- advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other illegal substance;
- items referring to satanic, cult or gang activities will be confiscated
- represent death and dismemberment and/or violence.

In addition:

- Clothing (dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts) must be no shorter than three inches from the top of kneecap and hemmed;
- Students will not be permitted to wear see-through clothing or have bare midriffs, bare shoulders, or backless fashions;
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, cut-off T-shirts, large arm-holed shirts, or clothing with spaghetti straps or strapless garments may be worn only with a full T-shirt (with sleeves) underneath;
- Undergarments may not be worn as outerwear and must be covered at all times;
- Pants, shorts and slacks must be worn at the natural waist (no more than one size larger than natural waist size---no sagging);
- Students must wear shoes at all times. Taps, metal plates, or cleats on shoes will not be permitted. Specifically prohibited footwear are bathroom slippers or footwear not intended for outdoor wear or shoes equipped with roller blades/wheels are not allowed. Flip flops are acceptable;
- Extremely torn clothing will not be permitted if skin can be seen through the clothing. All clothing must be hemmed;
- Students will be required to wear their hair well-groomed and clean at all times. Extreme modes of hair design (ie: no drawings, mohawks) and color will not be permitted other than a natural hair color;
- Earrings are permitted. Piercings are permitted (lights and chains are prohibited), unless unsafe or distracting to the educational process.
- The wearing of cheerleading uniforms or any school issued uniforms during the school day is acceptable in dress code.
- Students may not wear hats, caps, sweat bands, visors, head coverings or bandanas in the building (neither males nor females) unless approved by the principal for a special day. Bandanas are not allowed on campus;
- Sunshades may not be worn in the building or classroom, unless prescribed by a physician for indoor use;

Leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants must be opaque and accompanied by appropriate top covering and be no shorter than three inches from the top of kneecap and hemmed.

- Any disruptive, unsafe, or distractive mode of clothing, eyewear, tattoos or appearance that adversely impacts the education process is not acceptable.
- Belts must be worn appropriately in belt loops and at the natural waist line.
- Students who violate the Dress Code will be referred to the Principal's office.

The final decision regarding a dress code violation is at the discretion of the campus principal.

Sponsors of extracurricular activities may set individual dress and appearance standards with the approval of the principal;

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.