

## Dress and Grooming

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:

1. **Any oversized or revealing clothing will not be permitted.** Including but not limited to: bare midriff, cutoffs, crop top shirts, body suits, low plunging, bare back or see through clothing, pajamas or clothes made of pajama material, tank tops or spaghetti strap shirts (unless worn under or over an appropriate shirt or blouse). Shirts or blouses that expose the midriff, when arms are raised, are not to be worn.
2. **Students must wear proper support undergarments.**
3. **Tank tops will not be permitted.**
4. **All pants/slacks must:**
  - Fit securely on the waistline, not dropping below the waistline, and must not expose undergarments.
  - Not be covering the foot.
  - Not be baggy or oversized such as pants with wide legs, running the length of the pant leg.
  - If made of spandex or other form-fitting materials, shirts must also be worn that are 12 inches below the waistline.
  - Slits, cutouts, holes, frays, or other openings in pants/slacks or pants above mid-thigh are not permitted.
  - Sweat pants, jogging suits, or warm up pants must have a drawstring.
5. **Shirt guidelines:**
  - Shirts and blouses that are split under the arms are prohibited.
  - Shirts must be worn at all times, and must be properly buttoned.
  - Boy's shirts must have a pronounced sleeve.
  - Girl's shirts must not reveal any part of their undergarment.
6. **Short Guidelines:**
  - Hem lines must be no shorter than mid-thigh
  - Slits, cutouts, holes, or other openings in shorts **ARE NOT** permitted.
  - **ALL** shorts **MUST** have a hemmed bottom.
  - **NO** cutoff jeans/pants will be permitted.
  - No sagging pants or shorts. All pants and shorts must fit securely on the waistline.
  - **Intermediate students in grades 4-5 are allowed to wear shorts but must be at fingertips when standing.**
  - **Elementary students in grades PK-3 are allowed to wear shorts.**
7. **Dress/Skirt Guidelines:**

- Dresses/skirts with a hemline must be to the top of the knee when standing.
- Dresses/skirts may not be made of spandex or other form fitting materials.
- Slits in dresses/skirts must not be more than 4 inches above the hem.

**8. Prohibited clothing items (included but not limited to):**

- All hats, caps and other head coverings.
- Excessively baggy pants or shorts.
- Halter tops.
- Muscle shirts.
- Tube tops.
- Cutoffs (any type of pant).
- Midriff blouses.
- See-through blouses or shirts.
- Biking shirts.
- Dresses, blouses or shirts with extreme necklines. (Bottom of shirt/blouses must touch or meet the top of pants at all times.)
- Wheels, cleats, house shoes or scuffs are not to be worn in any building.
- Extracurricular outfits are not to be worn to class unless they meet the dress code standards.

**9. Clothing or accessories with the following are also prohibited:**

- Obscene, offensive slogans or apparel which promotes disruptions or violence (either stated or implied).
- Displays of alcoholic beverages, or tobacco advertisements.
- Displays of marijuana or other drug signs, suggestive pictures or words (example: pictures or drug paraphernalia, or drugs, mushrooms, etc.).
- Gang symbols/colors/references.
- Ear jewelry on males is prohibited. Nose/tongue jewelry on males or females is prohibited. All exposed body piercing, except for girl's ears (2 per ear), is prohibited.
- Pocket or belt loop chains are prohibited.
- Extreme jewelry (example: spiked bracelets/necklaces, dog collar bracelets/necklaces, chains, etc.) will not be allowed. Gang related jewelry will not be allowed. Also jewelry that is considered to be a safety hazard will not be tolerated.
- Clothing or accessories with grotesque figures or that imply horror, death, killing or crime of any variety will not be permitted.
- Emblems or slogans printed on clothing or skin which tend to be disruptive shall not be allowed. Including but not limited to: drugs, alcohol of any kind, obscene/vulgar messages and pictures (stated or implied), violence, or any figure or message that implies horror, death, killing or crime of any type.
- Only students with doctor prescribed prescription dark glasses will be allowed to wear dark tinted glasses in the building.

- Tattoos must be covered at all times.

#### **10. Facial hair:**

Mustaches and beards may be worn, if neatly trimmed and at the discretion of the campus principal.

#### **11. Hair**

- Extreme hairstyles that distract others are not appropriate for males or females.
- Hair should be neatly trimmed and well-groomed. Hairstyles should be cut and trimmed above the eyes so that the student's vision is neither obstructed nor safety impaired.
- Letters, numbers, symbols, or designs shall not be cut into the hair. Unnatural (bizarre) hair colors are prohibited.
- Punishments for dress/grooming code violations (for the entire year):
  - **First offense** – The student will be given school issued clothes (jumpsuit)/razor and notice will be sent to parents.
  - **Second offense** – The student will be given school issued clothes (jumpsuit)/razor, sent to SAC for the remainder of the day and a notice will be sent to parents.
  - **Third offense** – The student will be given school clothes (jumpsuit)/razor, sent to SAC for three days and a notice will be sent to the parents.

Subsequent offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases.

Special events may require students to dress according to the wishes of sponsors and/or directors with prior approval from principal.

Any student wishing to discuss a particular piece of clothing before it is worn to school must ask the permission of the **PRINCIPAL OR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**, not secretaries, counselors, teachers, etc. If there are any questions, please ask for a ruling in advance.

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.