

# PARLIER HIGH SCHOOL DRESS AND GROOMING

(Please refer to PHS Student-Parent Handbook for additional information)

The Governing Board expects all students Grade K-12 to attend school attire and groomed in a manner that is conducive to a safe, secure and positive learning environment. Therefore, the Board prohibits dress and grooming of students, which obstructs, inhibits or detracts from the instructional program or creates safety concerns.

In cooperation with the teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Governing Board policy and administrative reviewed.

## 1. Personal Dress:

Modesty and the avoidance of distracting influences are keys to an appropriate appearance. Any apparel, hairstyle, cosmetic or jewelry, even if not specifically mentioned below, which creates a safety concern, draws undue attention to the wearer, and tends to detract from the educational process is prohibited. In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

- a.** All students must wear shoes at all times. No hard-toed or steel-toed shoes/boots will be allowed. No high top, laced up, combat, or military style boots will be allowed. Shoes must be laced and tied or strapped at all times. Thongs, shoes or sandals without heel straps are allowed and are only inappropriate at the elementary school sites due to safety concerns.
- b.** Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are considered inappropriate, crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
- c.** Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors. Hats, caps and other head coverings cannot have any inappropriate signs, wording or images.
- d.** Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
- e.** Overly revealing clothing is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: tube tops, halter/crop tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, “spaghetti” strap dresses or tops, bare midriff, or radically altered clothing, see-through attire, and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh. Straps on dresses and tops must be a minimum of 1” (one inch) in width. Tank tops for boys are not allowed.
- f.** All students can wear shorts year-round. They must fit and be worn at or above the natural waistline (no more than one size too large or too small).
- g.** Leggings, Lycra, Spandex shorts or pants are allowed if over-garment is no shorter than mid-thigh.
- h.** “Sagging” (loosely fitted shorts/pants that expose undergarments) is also not allowed.
- i.** Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair features that cause undue attention or are gang-related are not acceptable. This includes, but is not limited to: unusual designs, unnatural hair color, symbols, razor cuts that are gang affiliated in hair and eyebrows, messages, and Mohawks.  
This dress code applies to all grade levels in the district.
- j.** Piercings are acceptable. Piercings must not draw undue attention and must not pose a safety issue i.e. ear spikes etc.
- k.** Students are not to wear gang-affiliated attire. This includes, but is not limited to: predominantly red or royal blue clothing, accessories (e.g. undergarments including shorts under pants, shoes, shoe laces, belts, backpacks, etc.), adornments (e.g. red tape around backpack straps), or any items bearing gang insignias. Due to changing dress code violations, dress code issues and policies will be determined by site administration in conjunction with local law enforcement.
- l.** Students are not allowed to wear pajamas/sleepwear, including slippers, unless allowed by a designated school activity day.
- m.** Tattoos are prohibited and must be covered at all times.