

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Boys:

1. Hair will be clean and well groomed at all times, but should not cover the eyes or should not touch your shoulders. Mohawks, Faux-Hawks, or banded hair styles are not allowed. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
2. Boys will be clean-shaven at all times.
3. Earrings are not permitted.
4. No sleeveless tops/shirts will be allowed.

Girls:

1. Hair will be clean and well groomed at all times.
2. Dresses and skirts shall be within 5 inches of the top of the kneecap at all times. No low-cut attire is acceptable. Foundation garments must be worn.
3. No bare torso, halter tops, or tops with strap less than 2" wide shall be worn. No backless attire is acceptable. Garments that expose cleavage and/or bare backs and shoulders will not be allowed. No exposed undergarments.
4. Apparel must be worn over spandex, leggings, or Jeggings that meets all dress code requirements.

Student Body:

1. Prohibited are pictures, emblems, clothing or writing on clothing that are suggestive, lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene; that directly or indirectly depict the occult, promote violence, represent gang membership, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under school policy. Also prohibited is any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interfere with normal school operations.
2. Specifically prohibited for school are displays of body piercing with the exception of earrings for girls. This also prohibits spacers in any visible body part.
3. No visible tattoos, brands or other forms of body modification.
4. No sunglasses may be worn within the school building.
5. No hats, caps, hoods or other head coverings will be worn in the school building during the school day.
6. Students are to wear shoes or sandals at all times (no house shoes).
7. Shorts and pants must be worn at the natural waistline- no sagging is permitted. Shorts shall extend beyond finger length at all times. No holes in pants above the knee that reveal skin.

8. Dress for social functions and activities will be determined by the sponsor and announced prior to the date of the function. Any student not meeting the appropriate dress code will be removed from the function.
9. Clothing must be worn as it was designed to be worn. Items, such as cut off shorts, bandanas, chains, spiked collars, etc. are not allowed.
10. Attire must be gender appropriate.
11. Lounge, undershirts or pajama style clothing are prohibited.
12. Hair color must be a naturally occurring color and /or color pattern in the human genome. Extreme styles, as determined by the school authorities, which might disrupt normal school procedures, will not be allowed.

Where there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the school authorities' decision will be final. The dress and grooming standards may be changed if they interfere with students' education or cause a disruption on the campus. Regulations in reference to groom and dress for special activities such as athletics, fine arts, cheerleading, drill team, etc. are governed by the sponsors of that activity and are under the direction of the principal. School administration may approve dress code variances for special occasions.

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.