

DRESS AND GROOMING

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards.

The personal appearance of the student represents that individual to his fellow students. The personal appearance of the entire school body represents the school to others. It is our desire to maintain a standard of acceptable dress and grooming habits that will contribute to this image. The student body must help in every possible manner to develop pride in upholding the standards set forth.

Students will be required to remain in compliance with the dress code while in the school building, including after the bell rings at 2:30 p.m.

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

General Guidelines

- Any type of dress, insignia, neckbands, and other similar paraphernalia, shirts or other clothing with suggestive or distasteful insignias (ex. rebel flag) or wording, or which advertise or exploit tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or other illegal substances will not be allowed.
- Any clothing, accessories, symbols, jewelry, or other paraphernalia, which depicts or suggests association with a gang shall not be brought to school, worn at school or in any way be present at any school related event.
- Bare shoulders, bare backs, bare midriffs, and low necklines are unacceptable. Any type of flimsy, see-through material is not allowed. Sheer tops covering unacceptable clothing are not acceptable. Any type clothing must be long enough to preserve modesty when seated. No clothing may be worn that fits so tightly as to be immodest.
- Appropriate underclothing must be worn and covered at all times.
- Bedroom attire is not acceptable. Students may not wear pajamas or like garments.
- Students will be required to remain in dress code until they have left campus.

Shirts and Tops

- All shirts, blouses, and other types of tops must be worn in good taste. The design of the top should preserve modesty. Low cut necklines are unacceptable. All tops must cover and not reveal undergarments. No spaghetti straps or strapless tops will be allowed on or under any garments. Tank top straps must measure at least 2 inches in width. The general rule for determining proper length on tops will be: if the arms can be raised above the head without a bare midriff showing, the top is acceptable.
- Boys may not wear opened-arm t-shirts or muscle shirts. The sleeve must have a hem. Shirts may not extend below the wrist in a normal standing position.

Pants

- Pants shall not be torn, ripped, frayed or have worn areas with fabric underneath.
- No holes will be permitted in any article of clothing.
- All patches used to cover holes must be placed on the outside of clothing.
- Overalls and suspenders, if worn, must be worn over the shoulders and buckled as designed.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline and must completely cover underclothing. Sagging pants will not be allowed.
- Second sagging pants violation – any student who violates this rule twice will be required to tuck their shirt tail in their pants and wear a belt for 30 days.
- **Third sagging pants violation – any student who violates this rule three times will be required to tuck their shirt tail in their pants and wear a belt for the remainder of the year.**

Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses

- General rule for determining the length of shorts, skirts, and dresses will be that they must extend below the index finger of the hand when the arms are at rest beside the body.
- Slits on skirts and dresses shall not be above the fingertip length.
- Boys will not be permitted to wear skirts or dresses.
- All shorts must have a finished hem and may not be rolled up. They cannot be intentionally torn, ripped, or frayed.
- Shorts must be worn at the waistline. Sagging shorts will not be allowed.
- Tennis shorts and spandex (biker's) shorts are not appropriate.
- Second shorts violation – any student who violates this rule twice when wearing shorts will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for 30 days.
- **Third shorts violation – any student who violates this rule three times will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the remainder of the year.**

Shoes/Footwear

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must be appropriate for school. Footwear traditionally worn around the home (i.e. house shoes, slippers), flip-flops, rubber sandals, pool or beach type shoes are not permitted.
- Students are not permitted to wear steel toe boots.
- Second shoe violation – any student who violates this rule twice will not be allowed to wear open back shoes for a period of 30 days.
- **Third shoe violation – any student who violates this rule three times will not be allowed to wear open back shoes for the remainder of the year.**

Head Coverings

- No type of head covering, cap or hat is permitted in the building with the exception of special days designated by the administration.

Coats and Jackets

- Trench coats, duster coats or like garments are prohibited.
- Hoodies and/or sweatshirts may not extend below the wrist in a normal standing position.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Geometric or unusual patterns shaved or cut in the hair are not permitted.
- Designs beyond a single straight direction which draw attention shall not be permitted.
- Unnatural color or color variation in hair (i.e. scarlet, purple, blue, green, orange, etc.) will not be permitted.
- Ribbons and other types of hair paraphernalia must be worn in good taste and only when appropriate to the hairstyle.
- Boy's hair will not extend below the eyebrows, below the ear lobes, or below the top of a t-shirt collar.
- Ponytails or tails are not acceptable on male students.
- Boys are not permitted to wear bobby pins, paper clips, beads, or other types of hair accessories deemed inappropriate.
- No student will be permitted to cut lines or designs in the eyebrows.

Facial Hair

- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. Beards, goatees and mustaches are prohibited.
- Sideburns must be neat and well groomed and may not extend below the ear lobe or flare at the bottom.

Jewelry

- No student shall be permitted to wear visible piercings on body parts other than the ear. (i.e., nose, eyelids, lips, tongue, etc.)
- Covering body piercing with Band-Aids, tape, or any other temporary covering is not acceptable.
- Students may not wear chains that have the potential to be used as a weapon. Collars intended for use on animals are prohibited.
- Male students will not be allowed to wear earrings, gauged plugs, other objects in the ear, or nail polish.

Tattoos/Make-Up

- Tattoos and/or any other drawings on the skin must be covered.
- Boys will not be permitted to wear make-up.

Sunglasses

- Students must not wear sunglasses in the building unless with written verification from a doctor.

Extracurricular Activities/School Sponsored Trips/Special Events

- The principal, sponsor, coach or other person in charge of the activity may regulate the dress and grooming of the students participating.
- Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Medical Exceptions

- The principal may grant an exception to any of the above provisions if a student has a physical or medical condition rendering compliance with the provisions detrimental to the student's physical health.

Interpretation of Appropriateness

- The principal and assistant principals shall be authorized to appraise any fashion, fad, or article of clothing to determine its appropriateness for school wear. If it tends to distract or cause a student to become a disturbing influence or tends to jeopardize the health or safety of students, it will be prohibited.
- The administrators and teachers shall be responsible for the enforcement of the dress code.

Dress Code and Grooming Violations

- Students who come to school in violation of the Dress and Grooming Code will have the option of correcting the violation or being placed in ISS for the remainder of the day.
- In addition, parents may be asked to bring appropriate attire to school to assist in correcting the violation. Any student taken home by parents for a change of clothes, without Nurse or Principal approval, will have an unexcused absence for any missed class time.