

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:

- The hair shall be clean, and well-groomed. The following extremes shall not be allowed: geometric or unusual patterns shaved or cut into hair; unnatural color variation in hair, ponytail, rattail and braids for boys; and, boy's hair length shall not exceed the bottom of a regular collar, not cover the eyes and not be longer than the ear.
- Facial hair and beards shall not be acceptable. Sideburns should not reach below the ears and shall be kept neatly trimmed.
- No type of head covering, hat, cap or bandanna may be worn on school grounds during the regular school day, except as may be allowed for approved school activities. This includes school trips or contests.
- Foot wear shall be part of regular attire. Bathroom and house shoe type footwear and flip flops (slides) are not acceptable for the safety of students. Elementary students will wear closed toe shoes and socks during the school day. Middle School and high school boys will wear socks during the school day. Middle school and high school students will be allowed to wear sandals with a hard (such as leather) sole. Foam or plastic-bottomed flip-flops will not be allowed.
- Extremely short dresses and skirts shall not be allowed. Skirts must extend 5 inches from a bended knee. Shorts must extend to mid-thigh.
- Clothing shall not permit excessive exposure of the body in front, back or side view. Garments shall not be excessively tight or shall not be backless, nor permit the exposure of cleavage. Appropriate undergarments shall be worn at all times.
- Top and bottom garments must not separate to expose the student's skin from the front, back or side when performing normal school activities (bending, stretching, reaching, etc.)
- The neck opening of any type of shirt or blouse must not exceed the equivalent of the second button below the collar button of a dress shirt. Sleeveless shirts must have fabric between the neck and shoulders at least three fingers in width for girls. Boys must wear shirts with sleeves.
- Pajamas are not appropriate for school attire and cannot be worn.
- Underwear type tank tops, spaghetti straps or undergarments shall not be visible. Garments must not be frayed, extremely full or baggy in appearance.

- Holes in jeans will be allowed as long as the holes are below mid-thigh.
- All clothing must be size appropriate and worn in the manner for which it is designed. Decoration, ornamentation or advertisements that are vulgar, indecent, suggestive, macabre or gang-related shall not be worn. Anything which promotes the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not acceptable.
- Sunglasses shall not be worn inside school buildings except as may be allowed for approved school activities.
- Any form of dress or grooming that attracts undue attention, disrupts school or detracts from the learning process is not acceptable. Boys may not be permitted to wear earrings. Earrings in females must be of reasonable size and style with no more than 3 in each ear. No other visible piercing or ornamentation of any skin or body part will be allowed. Gauges will not be allowed for girls or boys. Other visible markings or tattoos are forbidden.

NOTE: The administration reserves the right to extend the dress code to include attire not listed specifically above, but which is deemed to be inappropriate.

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