

## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

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

### ***PROCEDURES***

The principal of the school is charged with the enforcement of the student dress code. The principal is given wide latitude of discretion in the determination of proper or improper dress and behavior students. Students who are found to be in violation of the dress code are subject to disciplinary action.

The principal's actions may include: counseling the student; warning the student; calling parents to bring a change of clothes; after-school detention; lunch detention; placing the student in in-school suspension for the remainder of the day; suspending the student short-term; recommending long-term suspension (for flagrant or repeated violations).

#### **Expectation Guidelines:**

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.

#### **Clothing**

- Blouses / shirts should be constructed so that the top of the shoulder is covered and is fitted appropriately (no halter tops, tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, or bare sides of torso tops of any type will be allowed).
- Blouses / shirts which expose any portion of the waist, hips, or midriff are NOT allowed. Blouses / shirts which are NOT appropriate for school include those which are low-cut, see through, backless, or tube tops.
- Holes in clothing are excessive in size or amount, are distraction to the learning environment, and/or allow skin to show above the knee are prohibited.
- Pants, jeans, or equivalent, skirts, shorts, and dresses must be appropriate, modest length and be worn at the waist. Sagging pants are NOT allowed.
- Any clothing that is viewed as distracting because of extremes in style, fit, color, pattern, see through fabric, etc. shall NOT be permitted. Undergarments may NOT be exposed at any time.
- Clothing which resembles pajamas or underwear are prohibited.
- Clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, racial, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork. This includes, but not limited to, offensive words and designs,

violence (blood, death, weapons), sex, playboy symbols, hate groups, tobacco products, drugs, and/or alcohol.

#### Accessories

- Shoes / sandals must be worn at all times. Cleated shoes are prohibited inside the building.
- House / bedroom slippers are NOT acceptable
- Jewelry (ornaments) piercing in such locations as the nose, lips, tongue, eyebrow, etc. are NOT acceptable
- Students may NOT wear hats, caps, hoods, bandanas, sunglasses, combs, picks, etc., inside the building.
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous, used as a weapon, identifiable with gangs and/or violence may NOT be worn

#### Hair & Grooming

- Hair must be well groomed. Only natural hair coloring will be permitted. Extreme hairstyles and fads that would interfere with the learning process, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard are prohibited.
- Face must be clear of facial hair

#### Outerwear / Coats

- Students are encouraged to bring lightweight jackets to wear in the building as changes in weather dictate
- Hoodie sweatshirts must be appropriately sized. Wearing a hood over one's head is NOT allowed.

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.