

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:

1. Personal cleanliness and clean clothing shall be maintained at all times
2. Male and female students will be allowed to wear appropriate attire including shorts that reach within 6" of middle of kneecap, clam diggers, Capri pants, ¾ pants, jeans, etc. provided that the clothing does not have any slits, holes, or other open areas more than 6" above the middle of the knee.
3. The following are not allowed:
 - a. Clothing displaying obscene, violent, or suggestive slogans or pictures.
 - b. Mesh, see-through, underwear type, or tank top-style shirts or blouses worn as outside clothing.
 - c. Strapless dresses unless covered by a jacket or top; sleeveless shirts or blouses shall have a shoulder strap width of 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill).
 - d. Clothing displaying alcohol or tobacco names or products or displaying drugs or drug paraphernalia.
 - e. Bare midriffs
 - f. Low-cut dresses or blouses
 - g. Immodestly-fitted sweaters or skirts, (Skirt length at highest exposure within 6" of middle of kneecap)
 - h. Clothing shall be worn on shoulders as designed
 - i. For grades 5-12, no spandex-type clothing unless it is covered by another garment that reaches within 6" of the middle of the kneecap.
 - j. No caps/hats or other head coverings shall be worn in buildings by either boys or girls
 - k. No chains for billfolds or chains longer than 12 inches
 - l. No visible gauging of any body part
 - m. No pocket knives of any kind, including box knives
 - n. No sleepwear of any kind, including house shoes
 - o. Clothing which is open on the sides or back causing improper exposure
4. Girls shall keep their clothing buttoned so that it does not appear low-cut and shall wear brassieres; boys shall keep their clothing buttoned with the neck opening no lower than the second button below the collar.
5. The length of dress, skirt, pant skirt, pant, or pant dress shall not cause improper exposure when the student is sitting or when performing other normal school activities. Undergarments are not to be exposed at any time.
6. Appropriate footwear shall be a part of the regular attire. Shoes with metal tips or shoes with any type of cleats or wheels shall not be allowed.
7. Paraphernalia of gang, military, cultic, or "punk rock" style such as, but not limited to, spiked bracelets, spiked or other gloves, headbands, or special clothing (for example, baggy or oversized) are prohibited.
8. **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. 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.