

Dress and Grooming Code

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. While we respect students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

▪ **Dress – Middle/High School**

1. Shorts, skirts, and skorts **MUST** be hemmed and should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Even if tights or leggings are worn beneath shorts or skirts, the outer garments must still meet the dress code.
2. No holes, rips, cuts, or tears are permitted in clothing.
3. No excessively tight pants, shorts, or skirts.
4. All girls' shirt tails longer than a hands length from the waist **MUST** be tucked in. All boys' shirt tails **MUST** be tucked in.
5. Shirts must be buttoned or pinned to within 3 inches of the collarbone.
6. No shirts or tops that show bare back or midriff are permitted. No string tops. Shoulder straps must be at least 3 inches wide. Sleeveless shirts must be tailored (sewn). No cut out shirts. No bare midriffs.
7. Tank tops are not allowed as primary shirt.
8. If stomach shows when arms are lifted straight above the head, shirt is too short.
9. No pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene; promote violence, advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or sex.
10. Footwear **MUST** be worn. Shoes or sandals that are not safe when walking or running are prohibited.
11. Girls should wear appropriate foundation garments that do not show.
12. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building unless the student has a doctor's prescription for their use.
13. Caps, hats, and headbands may not be worn in the buildings during the school day. Caps will be worn properly.

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14. No pierced jewelry will be allowed except earrings for girls.
15. No baggy pants, shorts, etc. If the pants' seam lines touch when pulled to the front the pants/shorts are too baggy. No gang-related dress or symbols will be allowed.

▪ **Grooming – HS/MS**

1. Hair should be clean, well-kept, and out of the face. Boys' hair (including sideburns) can be no longer than the ear lobes on the side. It cannot touch the eyebrows or the base of the neck and cannot be worn in a tail. Extreme hair cuts or hair colors are prohibited. This is determined by administration.
2. Students should be clean-shaven, without facial hair. Opportunities to shave during the instructional day are non-existent. This is a grooming issue that needs to be addressed at home.
3. Make-up should not be extreme, and should not be applied in the classroom or the halls. Boys may not wear finger nail polish.

The Principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. The principal may make decisions about the appropriateness of any attire as fashions change during the school year.

▪ **Consequences**

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violate our dress and grooming standards, she/he will be referred to the office. The first time a student is referred, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student's parent will be called. The student may be assigned to ISS until the student corrects the problem. A student who repeatedly breaks the dress code will be subject to more serious disciplinary action.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE ABOUT GIRLS WEARING SHORTS OR SKIRTS OVER LEGGINGS OR TIGHTS. THE SHORT OR SKIRT MUST STILL BE IN DRESS CODE. ALSO NOTE THE CHANGE REGARDING BOYS SHAVING AT SCHOOL. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS GROOMING ISSUE AT HOME.