

DRESS AND GROOMING POLICY

1. Education implies a process of growth involving the whole student. While the most important emphasis is given to intellectual growth, opportunities are available for social, cultural and recreational activities. Such growth can best occur only in a healthy and safe environment free of disruption or distraction. We believe it's important for students to develop dress and grooming habits that will be of value to them after graduation. Therefore, dress and grooming guidelines must be maintained which allow for the proper educational environment.

a. It is the intent that all dress and grooming guidelines be equitably applied to all students district wide. The administrative team will provide guideline interpretations for students and parents as circumstances warrant due to changes in fashion trends, differing grade levels of students, etc. Student dress and appearance must meet conventional standards of dress and modesty during all school functions. Any student dress or grooming which is disruptive or distracting to the education process will not be permitted regardless of whether a specific guideline has previously been issued.

(1) Hair styling or coloring arrangements which are disruptive or distracting are not permissible. Coloring of hair is permissible when natural hair colors are used. Hair shall be worn above the eyebrows and must be kept clean, neat, and trimmed. Hairstyling related to cultural or religious requirements will be addressed on an individual basis with school administrators.

(a) Length of boys hair shall not be longer than that which would extend below the bottom of a dress shirt collar and a portion of both ears must be exposed. Ponytails, rubber bands, tie-ups, etc., are not permitted. Letters, symbols, and numbers are not permitted. Mohawks of any kind are not permitted.

(b) Beards are not permitted, and moustaches are to be neatly trimmed and may not extend below the lip line nor wider than the width of the mouth.

(c) Sideburns are to be neatly trimmed and shall not extend below the line of the mouth and shall be of reasonable width.

Guideline: Letters, symbols, and numbers are not appropriate.

(2) Extreme makeup is not permitted. Tattoos must remain covered during the school day. Earrings are not permitted for boys.

(a) Any item in a facial or body piercing that may inhibit student performance or speech, that may cause a disruption of the educational environment, that poses a risk of health and/or safety concerns or that may be indicative of gang or cult related activities, including but not limited to a piercing of the tongue, lip, eyebrow, cheek, nose, etc. are not permitted. No spacers or gauges are permitted.

(b) Wallet chains, spiked or studded accessories are not permitted.

(3) All clothing must be neat and in good repair. Clothing that is excessively torn, ripped, shredded, ragged, or dirty is not permitted. Clothing with symbols, pictures, or inscriptions which could reasonably be interpreted to have an obscene, suggestive, sexual nature, racial, or otherwise inappropriate meaning including the advertising of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco are not permitted. Students shall not wear clothing which encourages or trivializes violence or the effects of violence.

(4) Clothing is to be worn as designed, of appropriate and neat fit, and must not be disruptive or distracting in nature, therefore,

(a) Halter tops and tube tops are unacceptable school apparel, and see through clothing is not permitted.

(b) Open weave shirts or blouses, tank tops, half shirts (must cover the stomach area), or muscle shirts also are not permitted.

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(c) Dresses, skirts or shorts must have a finished bottom and completely cover the posterior of the body.

(d) Undergarments are not to be showing at any time.

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- (e) Dresses, skirts or shorts must be of mid-thigh length or longer when standing. Shorts for all students must be loose fitting and have a finished bottom.
 - (f) Undergarments are not to be showing at any time.
 - (g) Holes in clothing may not expose skin or undergarments.
 - (h) Tight fitting clothing such as yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, and tights must be covered with other clothing between the waist and mid-thigh.
- (5) Footwear for both boys and girls shall be appropriate.
- (6) Hats are not to be worn inside the building without specific prior approval of school administration.
- (7) Sunglasses are not to be worn within the school except upon a doctor's prescription.
- (8) Additional dress and grooming regulations may be required in certain classes and activities where personal safety is a factor.

Students with inappropriate dress and/or grooming may be sent home until the infraction is corrected, and it shall be considered an unexcused absence for that time and/or disciplinary action may be necessary based upon the Student Code of Conduct.

Note: Repeat offenders may have additional days of suspension added.