

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:

- Garments must allow for participation in all regular school activities while maintaining dignity and modesty.
- Articles of clothing with pictures, emblems, symbols, slogans, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, contain sexual innuendos, or cause disruption to the educational process are prohibited.
- Articles of clothing that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, controlled substances, or other items prohibited at school are unacceptable.
- See-through attire is unacceptable unless an article of clothing is worn underneath the garment that complies with the dress code.
- At no time should undergarments be visible.
- Torn or ripped clothing above mid-thigh, where skin is visible, is prohibited.
- No blankets, pillows, or stuffed animals are allowed.
- No tails or animal ears are to be worn.

SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Shorts, skirts, tunics, long shirts, skorts, or dresses must reach mid-thigh or longer. The same standard applies to slits or slashes in skirts or dresses.

BLOUSES AND SHIRTS

- Shirts must not expose the midriff while students are performing normal school activities. No crop tops, halter tops, tank tops, or tube tops are permitted.
- No spaghetti straps or sleeveless blouses with arm holes so large as to expose undergarments. Sleeveless blouses must be square at the shoulder.
- Blouses and shirts should be sufficiently buttoned or of a design that is not revealing.

CAPS

- Hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, visors, or other head coverings are prohibited in the classroom or school building except on approved occasions.

PANTS

- Pants must be naturally fitting at the waist and at the crotch. Pants may not sag or expose undergarments.
- Pants are to be free of rips and tears above mid-thigh. There should be no visible skin above mid-thigh. Leggings may be worn under your jeans to conceal skin (flesh colored leggings are not acceptable).
- Yoga pants/leggings must be covered by a shirt or dress on all sides that reach mid-thigh or longer. If you cannot wear the shirt/dress without the leggings to school, you cannot wear it with the leggings.

SHOES

- Shoes are to be worn at all times.
- No slippers or house shoes are permitted.

TATTOOS

- Visible tattoos deemed inappropriate or distracting must be covered.

HAIR

- Student's hair, including facial hair, must be clean, groomed, and by the nature of the style does not tend to create a distraction.
- Hairstyles, designs or hair colors that are disruptive or distracting to the school environment are prohibited.
- Inappropriate insignia and/or designs are not allowed in weaves, braids, dye patterns, shaved or plucked into the hair.

JEWELRY

- Small nose studs are permitted. All other facial piercings are prohibited.
- No spiked jewelry or wallet chains.
- No gauges or grills are allowed.

Enforcement

Teachers and administrators have the authority to enforce the dress code. When subjective in nature, the principal's ruling stands. Note: This dress code provides guidance regarding common situations but cannot cover every style of dress and specific situations that may arise. The district reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonably expected to pose a health or safety hazard or to cause substantial disruption of, distraction from, or interference with general school operations. In addition, certain courses and extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for students participating in those programs.

If the administration 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 will be receiving a discipline referral. 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 offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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.