

**DRESS AND GROOMING**

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**STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING EXPECTATIONS**

Philosophy: "The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction, which would interfere with the educational process." (Excerpt from Board Policy 5132)

Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility to see that students are properly attired for school. All students have the responsibility to attend school properly dressed. School District personnel have the responsibility for maintaining proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.

Students shall dress in a manner that does not violate reasonably accepted standards of cleanliness, safety, or decency, as judged by the Principal or his/her designee. The following dress code will be reviewed each year by the School Site Council and revised, as necessary.

**Guidelines for Dress and Grooming**

1. Halter tops, spaghetti straps, half shirts, tube tops, and muscle shirts, are not to be worn. Top straps must be at least one inch in width. Student's torso should not be visible at any time. Any clothing that excessively reveals your body, or undergarments that are clearly visible, is inappropriate for school and is not permitted.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have a strap around the heel of the foot. Enclosed toes and heels are highly encouraged. Flip-flops are not permitted. Platform shoes or heels should not exceed one inch as measured from the back of the sole of the shoe. Appropriate shoes for P.E./recess must be brought to school if other styles are worn.
3. Dresses and skirts can be worn as long as they reach a student's fingertips when their arms and hands are flat on their side. It is recommended that students wear shorts under their dresses/skirts during PE and while on the playground.
4. Shorts should not be shorter than mid-thigh for boys or girls.
5. Sunglasses, hats, hoods, and bandanas etc. may be worn outside only. Hats may not be worn backwards or sideways.

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6. Clothing, hats, and personal belongings must not display printing, emblems, or pictures that:
  - Are crude, vulgar, or sexually suggestive,
  - Promote illegal activities (tagging, penal codes for murder, etc.),
  - Display or promote gang names, activities, or membership,
  - Display language or images that do not align with our District's Organizational Core Value of treating others with dignity and respect,
  - Promote discrimination on the basis of age, sex, sexual orientation, sexual identity, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability, or depict drugs, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages.
7. Pants and belts must conform to waist size (within one inch), no larger. Pants and or shorts must cover all parts of undergarments. Pants that have been excessively ripped may not be worn if they show undergarments or create a safety hazard for the wearer or others.
8. Chains of any kind or size are not permitted on campus. This includes wallet chains and large link necklaces.
9. Fake fingernails or obvious make-up may not be worn. Hairstyles and colors will be considered individually on the basis of their distractibility. Make-up, hair spray, and perfume are not permitted on campus. Students will be asked to wash off makeup and nonpermanent hair color.
10. Dangly earrings may not be worn at school, as they pose a safety hazard.
11. Earrings, jewelry, or accessories, including safety pins worn on the outside of the clothing, which present a safety hazard to the wearer or others, are not suitable for school wear. Visible body piercing, which presents a safety hazard to the wearer or others (such as pointed studs, infected piercings, etc.), is prohibited for safety reasons.
12. Temporary tattoos that are distracting are not permitted. Students will be asked to wash them off.
13. Clothing that has been excessively ripped or shredded may not be worn if it shows undergarments or creates a safety hazard for the wearer or others.

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**Student Dress and Grooming Guidelines Interventions and Consequences**

When a student comes to school in violation of the elementary dress and grooming expectations, any of the following interventions and consequences may be used:

1. Parents/guardians may be contacted to address the violation.
2. Students may be asked to turn their shirts inside out.
3. Items may be taken away when worn at inappropriate times. These items will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian from the teacher or site administrator.
4. Students who continue to dress inappropriately may be assigned recess, lunch, community service, or after school detention. Behavior/Dress/Grooming contracts will be used when appropriate.
5. Students who repeatedly dress inappropriately for school may be suspended for defiance.

The principal/designee will be responsible for making determinations as to whether clothing or apparel constitutes a threat to health, safety, campus order, or interferes with or disrupts the educational or instructional process.