

VAN ALSTYNE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The following dress code meets the standards most conducive to promoting instruction. Young people should dress for success. The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. **CAMPUS ADMINISTRATORS EXERCISE FINAL JUDGMENT ON GARMENTS AND/OR STYLES THAT ARE A DISTRACTION.** Students are expected to comply with the following:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no more than 2 ½" above the knee.
- All outer garments must have sleeves (cap sleeves are permitted). "Spaghetti straps" or "tank tops" are not allowed. No see-through garments are allowed unless the undergarment beneath meets the school dress code. Shoulders must be covered.
- Shoes must be appropriate to the activity. Footwear must be of a style that ensures safety and does not present a distraction. Teachers may restrict (designate) the kind of footwear needed for that class in order to meet safety standards of the instructional activity.
- Garments that are torn, cut inappropriately, or have holes are not permitted.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- All garments should meet the standard of modesty.
- Anything form-fitting, such as: spandex shorts, bicycle shorts, tights, leggings, yoga pants, and leotards may only be worn under shorts or skirts that meet the school dress code.
- Midriffs, cleavage, and undergarments should be covered at all times.
- Tops must overlap the waistband of the pants at all times.
- All students must have hair that is neatly groomed, out of the face, and a natural color. **Boys' hair must be worn above the shirt collar. No Mohawks, faux-hawks, or designs in hair.**
- Facial hair is not permitted.
- Students may not wear hats, headgear, or sunglasses in the building during the school day.
- Wallets with dangling chains and dangling or oversized jewelry are not allowed at school. Male students may not wear earrings, ear studs, or anything else in the ear. Jewelry for body/tongue piercing may not be worn at school except pierced earrings for females. No spacers are allowed.
- Students may not wear garments or bring items to school that display pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene; and/or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other objects or ideas that in the principal's judgment may be expected to cause disruption of school activities or interference with classroom and other normal school activities.

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. 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.