

Students

DRESS AND GROOMING

Conditions of dress and appearance include:

1. All types of clothing must be of a length that is not disruptive to the educational process. That length is determined to be mid-thigh or longer. Shorter clothing is not acceptable, including short-shorts.
2. All clothing must be neat in appearance. Clothing that is full of holes, frayed, cut-off or is excessively oversized is not acceptable. Belt ends may not hang down.
3. Clothing that is revealing is unacceptable. This includes:
 - a. Extremely tight fitting clothing.
 - b. Backless halter tops or dresses; "spaghetti" straps (less than 1/2 " in width) and tube tops; "muscle shirts"; tops that are cut low at the neckline or armpits; and tops that expose bare midriffs.
 - c. Transparent clothing, exposed underwear, or wearing pants low at the waist.
4. Suggestive clothing or objects may not be worn which are libelous, obscene, sexually suggestive, or suggestive of violence or death. This includes buttons, armbands, shirts, insignias, logos, hats and caps. Clothing or objects advertising any product unacceptable at school such as alcohol, tobacco, and drugs may not be worn.
5. Bare feet and unsafe or disruptive footwear, extreme platform type shoes, and boots/shoes with steel or otherwise reinforced toes are prohibited. Closed footwear is strongly recommended. During P.E. or any other physical activity, tennis shoes should be worn.
6. Cosmetics, hairstyles or accessories to the face, head, ears, and hair and body that distract from the educational process, or are disruptive or are unsafe are not allowed. This includes spray-painted or unnatural colored hair, painting of the face and glitter in the hair. Bandanas are not to be worn.
7. Permanent and temporary tattoos are prohibited.
8. Body piercing jewelry and accessories are prohibited, except for the ear. Excessive, oversized, disruptive or unsafe ear jewelry is not allowed. Ear "plugs" are not allowed.
9. Students may not write personal words, terms or symbols on their clothing or their body.
10. The presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, backpack, notebook, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute that denotes membership in a gang or which advocates drug use, violence or disruptive behavior, or is determined by the school administration to present a safety hazard, is prohibited. Any gesture that symbolizes gang membership is also prohibited.

The District reserves the right to declare any mode of dress that it determines to be disruptive to the educational process or threatens the safety of students as unacceptable.

The conditions of dress and appearance apply to all school-related activities and events.

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FRUITVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bakersfield, CA

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