

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

The Kern High School District believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a positive learning environment. Students have the right to make individual choices regarding their clothing and grooming styles, but they must not present a health or safety hazard, or be a distraction to the learning environment. Any apparel determined by school staff to be revealing or which draws undue attention is unacceptable and a violation of this policy.



Specifically:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- No visible, inappropriate tattoos.
- Tank tops must have straps that are at least 2 inches in width and must be snug around the arms.
- Halter tops, tube tops, single strap tops, or strapless tops are not allowed.
- Clothing cannot promote or glorify alcohol, gang affiliation, tobacco products, controlled substances, violence, and/or suggestive sexual behaviors.
- Clothing cannot contain profanity, racial references, or any slogans that promote a disruption.
- Attire which may be used as a weapon may not be worn (i.e. steel toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, belts with large buckles). Jewelry and accessories must be appropriate for the school environment with no sharp or pointed edges.
- Dresses/shorts/skirts must be no shorter than the wearer's fingertips when the arm is dropped straight from the shoulder.
- No undergarments shall be visible at any time. Any see-through apparel or apparel which does not cover undergarments is not acceptable.
- No boxer shorts, pajamas, or other undergarments shall be worn as outer garments – all camisoles are considered undergarments.
- Tops and pants revealing any portion of the midriff section at any time are not allowed.
- All clothing should be reasonably clean.

**Specific learning activities in shops, labs, on the job training, or co-curricular activities may have additional clothing and appearance regulations.

Students who dress in violation of this policy will be sent to the Dean's office for one of the following actions:

1. Trade an inappropriate article of clothing for an appropriate garment and retrieve the article in question in the Dean's office at the end of the day (the Dean's office has appropriate t-shirts or shorts). The students will be allowed to change into clothing from a restroom or locker room.
2. Call home and have appropriate clothing brought to school for exchange. In this case the student will remain in the Dean's office until the appropriate garment has arrived.

Subsequent discipline will be used if necessary for repeated dress code violations.