

DRESS AND GROOMING

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STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING EXPECTATIONS

Philosophy: "The Board of Education 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 as necessary.

Guidelines for Dress and Grooming

This dress code covers students while they are on campus or at any school-sponsored activity or event:

1. Midriffs should be covered at all times.

White undershirts tank tops are not to be worn alone.

Tops must cover all parts of undergarments and shall not be low cut or revealing.

2. Shoes must be worn at all times. Enclosed toes and heels are highly encouraged. Platform shoes (over 3 inches), slippers, and other shoes/footwear deemed unsafe are not permitted. Athletic shoes are required for Physical Education (PE).
3. Shorts, skirts, and dresses, shall not be shorter than mid-thigh.
4. Sunglasses, hats, hoods, and bandanas etc. may be worn outside only. Hats may not be worn backwards or sideways.
5. Clothing, hats, and personal belongings must not display printing, emblems, or pictures that:

Are crude, vulgar, or sexually suggestive,

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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.

Tattoos depicting any of the above must remain covered. (Note - Cal. Penal Code 653 establishes that it is a misdemeanor for any person to tattoo or offer to tattoo anyone under age 18.)

6. Pants and belts must conform to waist size (within one inch), no larger. Pants and or shorts must cover all parts of undergarments.
7. Undergarments must be covered at all times and pajamas shall not be worn at school.
8. Chains of any kind or size are not permitted on campus. This includes wallet chains and large link necklaces.
9. Hair may not be sprayed/dyed by any coloring that would drip when wet.
10. 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.
11. 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.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day, subject to the conditions of item #5 above. (Education Code 35183.5)

The principal/designee shall have the authority to extend or modify these rules, on a nondiscriminatory basis, to address exigent circumstances at their school site. These changes shall be reviewed at the next School Site Council meeting.

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Student Dress and Grooming Guidelines Interventions and Consequences

When a student comes to school in violation of the secondary 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 or wear a shirt given to them by administration.
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 OCC or 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 or 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.