



STUDENT DRESS CODE & PERSONAL GROOMING REQUIREMENTS

The standards for dress and grooming have been established to teach good grooming and hygiene, instill discipline and modesty, demonstrate respect for authority, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a positive learning atmosphere. Dress and grooming standards promote responsibility and self-esteem, thus preparing students to be ready for the adult world in higher education and the workplace.

Students will not be allowed to leave school to change clothes, unless approved by the principal. Approval to leave campus for changing clothes will be given ONLY in cases of extreme necessity or emergency. Parents will be asked to bring clothing to school for a student, if necessary.

The district prohibits clothing or grooming that, in the principal's or designee's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Any accessory or clothing item deemed unsuitable for school by the campus administration will be prohibited.

Expectations for Student Dress:

- Any accessory or clothing item adorned with metals that could create delays at campus metal detectors should not be worn.
- Clothing items and accessories should not depict or promote the occult, gang affiliations, death, suicide, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sex.
- Clothing should be washed and clean.
- Clothing with tears and holes will not be permitted above the mid-thigh area.
- Clothing should not be sheer or "see through."
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn and not visible.
- Any clothing that brings undue attention is considered disruptive and unacceptable (including tops that reveal too much cleavage.)
- Clothing items and accessories should not contain "racially divisive" materials, flags, or insignia.
- Onesie/costume or pajama sets are not permitted.
- Students should come to school bathed and free of body odor.
- Hair and facial hair should be neat and clean and should not be distracting to the learning environment.

- Violent, profane, and sexual visible tattoos (temporary or permanent), face painting, body art or personal body drawings are not appropriate and must be covered.
 - Chains other than jewelry will not be allowed.
 - Spiked jewelry of any kind is not allowed.
 - “Dog collars” are not allowed.
 - Sunglasses, hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, or other headwear are not allowed in school or on buses.
 - High School will allow hats and hoodies as a privilege, but they may not be distracting.
 - Visible body piercings should not be distracting to the learning environment.
 - Gang-related clothing or articles are not allowed, including bandannas, towels, beads, etc.
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Dress Standards:

All clothing items will be addressed below to describe specific requirements.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be worn at all times at school.
- “House slippers” or “house shoes” are not allowed.
- Shoes with rollers are not permitted unless the rollers have been removed.
- Students may wear flip-flops in all grades except during PE/athletics.
 - Certain classes or teachers may require students to wear “closed toe” shoes as part of the activities that may occur in the course. This will be announced in advance where possible by the teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to comply with this requirement.

Shirts/Blouses/Sweaters/Sweatshirts – May be any color or style, EXCEPT the following:

- Short blouses or shirts are not acceptable at school. The mid-section, or stomach area, must be covered. If the mid-section is exposed when hands are raised over the head, the blouse or shirt is too short.
- Backless or halter tops
- Low-cut or exposing cleavage
- Off the shoulder
- Tank tops (in grades 6-12) unless covered
- “Spaghetti” straps, thin straps, or strapless
- Tube tops

Pants and Shorts:

- Pants/jeans/slacks/shorts with “distressed” areas may not reveal undergarments or buttocks.
- Holes may not be above the mid-thigh area.
- Pajama pants are not allowed in school.
- “Yoga pants” are allowed if a dress code approved top/shirt is worn with them.
- Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh length.
- Shorts that have a flap designed to simulate a skirt (“skort”) are allowed if they are no shorter than mid-thigh.

Skirts/Jumpers/Dresses:

- The hemline of skirts, jumpers, and dresses must be no shorter than mid-thigh. This includes long shirts worn as dresses.
- Slits in skirts/jumpers/dresses may not be any higher than mid-thigh.
- Dresses with plunging necklines, exposed cleavage, midriff, and bare backs are not permitted.

Outerwear:

- Outerwear is defined as clothing designed to protect from the elements, such as coats and jackets.
- Coats and jackets should be of an appropriate size/fitted, should not be below the hip in length, and may be worn over dress code attire in inclement weather.
- Long coats of any style (trench coats, dusters, overcoats, military-type jackets) and jackets with an excessive amount of inner and outer pockets are not acceptable as a form of outerwear and will not be accepted at school.
- Any item of outerwear deemed unsuitable for school by the administration will be prohibited.