

## DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. In order to maintain an orderly environment, all students shall be required to meet the minimum expectations of the dress and grooming code. Dress and apparel that unduly attracts the attention of other students often precipitate comments and/or other reactions that are disruptive. Safety, general health, and hygiene are factors that are also considered in the establishment of this dress code. The provisions of the dress and grooming code shall be enforced equally with regard to all students to whom the provisions apply.

### General Criteria

A student's personal dress and grooming standards must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Shall not lead school officials reasonably to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; and
2. Shall not create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.

We encourage students to be clean and well groomed at all times. In order to assist the parent and student with appropriate student dress and grooming, the specific criteria listed below were adopted.

### Specific Criteria

1. Each student's hair will be clean and well groomed at all times and shall not obstruct vision. No extreme style or color will be allowed. The color of the hair must be of natural colors. No pink, blue, purple or other hair colors will be allowed. This includes the shaving of symbols or words into the student's hair. In addition, students will not be allowed to wear spiked, Liberty, Unicorn, Mohawk hairstyles, or other hairstyles deemed distracting by campus administration.
2. Students will be expected to maintain a neat and clean appearance.
3. Apparel should not display risqué prints or symbols; gang graffiti or monikers; or lewd, vulgar, obscene, or suggestive language/design. Advertisements or symbols that promote or depict drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or violence are prohibited on all apparel, jewelry, and accessories. No chains, handcuffs, jewelry, or accessories that suggest weaponry will be allowed. In addition, trench coats and dusters are prohibited as are any apparel with sexually explicit, suggestive, or offensive language, symbols or pictures. Also, apparel with swastikas, Nazi symbolism, and Confederate flags are not allowed.
4. Hats, caps, forehead bands, bandannas, sunglasses or other head coverings and distracting accessories will not be worn in the school building. Students will not be allowed to display body piercing on any part of the body other than the ear.
5. In schools where the uniform policy has been adopted--with the exception of VISTA--students are allowed to opt out. If you are not wearing a uniform, you will be asked to wear a collared shirt, tucked in with pants that fit at the waist. Pants attire shall not include sagging pants, trousers or shorts that cause an abnormal gait or reveal underwear. Pants must fit properly and be worn at the waist level. Pants may not be oversized. Pants need to be properly hemmed or cuffed.
6. Students are to wear appropriate shoes or sandals at all times. Heelys, house shoes, etc. are prohibited.
7. At all times, proper underclothing must be worn. Underclothing must not be visible.
8. Apparel considered revealing such as shirts tied at the waist, shirts that expose the midriff, (shirts must cover the midriff at all times), halter tops or tops with spaghetti straps, torn or "holey" apparel, fishnet shirts, tank tops, (boys and girls), strapless, or off the shoulder blouses or dresses, spandex clothing, or cut off T-shirts will not be permitted. If a normal bra can be seen, the shirt, top or blouse will not be allowed. Sleeveless blouses/tops must have the outside edge of the sleeve touch the outside edge of the shoulder (no cut-in sleeves). Tube tops with proper underclothing must be worn with an over blouse and must be buttoned halfway up. Opaque or colored hosiery will not be considered pants when worn alone or with a long sweater or shirt.
9. Shorts or skirts must allow students to be able to stand, sit and/or bend with modesty. These must be fingertip length when shoulders are relaxed. Opaque or colored hosiery will not be considered pants when worn with a skirt.
10. Gang attire, clothing, jewelry, grooming styles, shoes, or boots that identify a student as a member of a gang or that is associated with acts of hate or violence will not be allowed. Attire of this nature has a tendency to change and is reviewed periodically. Check with campus administration to obtain specific clothing updates.
11. The administration of each campus will provide proper notification to students prior to any change in dress and grooming standards.

If the student's dress or grooming is inappropriate or objectionable under these provisions, the principal shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the principal shall notify the student's parent and request that the parent make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal shall take disciplinary action. Appropriate disciplinary procedures shall be followed to include removal from school until the student is in compliance with the dress code. Campus administration will use its discretion in questions concerning the dress code. Where there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the school administrator's decision will be final. Failure to comply with the dress code will result in disciplinary action.