

## DRESS AND GROOMING

### All Grade Levels

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Cleanliness of body and clothing will be expected by ALL students. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Clothing will be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that promotes proper decorum in school. Sagging pants or pants that have a "sagging" appearance, oversized clothing, clothes with vulgar, indecent slogans, or pictures will not be permitted. In addition, clothing that advertises or promotes merchandise which is not allowed on campus is also prohibited.
- Clothes with holes, intentionally, or otherwise cut/torn are not permitted. Jeans may not have open holes larger than the size of golf ball. Student may not have exposed skin through holes in jeans regardless of size and/or location of the hole (hole must be patched or tights worn under jeans).
- Half-shirts, or skirts that expose the midriff, will not be allowed. All shirts or t-shirts must cover the student's stomach and lower back when the student is sitting down and when the student's hands are raised over his or her head. (This is referred to as the touchdown rule.)
- Boxers, spandex, or unhemmed shorts will not be allowed.
- Wearing hats or caps is not allowed in the school building. It is recommended that all hats be left either in your vehicle or at home.
- Male students are not permitted to wear earrings/body-piercing rings, posts, etc. Female students are allowed to wear earrings, but are not allowed to wear body-piercing rings, posts, etc.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn.
- Shoes – soled footwear must be worn at all times. House shoes are unacceptable.
- Male students are not permitted to wear hairstyles such as pigtails and ponytails. All students are prohibited from wearing rat-tails, Mohawks, spiked hair, or any design(s) or color added to the hair to draw undue attention or cause a distraction in class.
- Students are not allowed to wear sunglasses in the school building unless they have a doctor's prescription on file in the Nurses office, which indicates the students' need to wear these glasses at all times.
- Males' hair shall be no lower than the top of the collar, no lower than the ears, and out of the eyes when combed down.
- No skates or roller shoes with skates will be allowed in the building at any time.
- Writing across the seat of the pants or shorts is prohibited.

- Tattoos, icons, and other markings on the body that cannot be removed shall be covered at all times in an unobstructed manner that is not disruptive to the instructional process. A student who has such markings on his or her body and who wishes to participate in extracurricular activities shall ensure that the markings are covered by the standard uniform for the activity, and in compliance with the guidelines.

### **Secondary Grade Levels Only**

- Regarding all wearing apparel, it can be no more than three (3) inches from the top of the kneecap. Split skirts, skorts, shorts, and dresses must ALL meet this criterion.
- Sleeveless shirts for females must meet the following guidelines: at least a 4 finger width on shoulder, no razorback shirts, no exposed bra straps or undergarments. Male students may not wear sleeveless shirts.
- Cotton sweat pants or shorts are prohibited. This includes pants that resemble cotton sweat pants such as tights and yoga pants. NOTE: Tights may be worn by female students **IF:**
  1. Shortest part of the female's top is longer than fingertips (when arms are extended straight down at side)
  2. Shirt does NOT expose student's bottom when hands are raised above head (in touchdown pose)
  3. Shirt is not an oversized t-shirt or sweatshirt
  4. Shirt is not form-fitted
- Males shall be clean-shaven. The length of the sideburns shall be limited to the bottom of the ear lobe. Sideburns may be up to 1 inch in width.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.