

## Elementary: DRESS CODE

The District's dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and assert authority. Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration, or hair style extreme enough to create a distraction or disturb the normal routine of school shall be deemed inappropriate. Final decisions on the appropriateness of school dress rests with the principal or designee. Examples of inappropriate and unapproved choices of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, or hair style include:

1. Hats, caps, or hoodies in any school building.
2. Low cut clothing (neck or underarm) male or female. Sundresses and shirts that are backless and have spaghetti straps are not allowed. No one-shoulder or off shoulder blouses or tops. Undergarments on males or females may not show!
3. Clothing that exposes bare midriffs, bellybuttons, such as short shirts or low cut pants/skirts.
4. Exposed body piercing jewelry or paraphernalia (such as nose rings, eyebrow rings, tongue rings, lip rings, gauges, placers, bars, etc.).
5. Flip flop shoes designed for beach or bath wear, heels that are dangerous for running and physical activity. Shoes with wheels,(heelies), cannot be worn at school.
6. Excessive or disruptive makeup
7. Obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol on clothing, backpacks, book covers, or jewelry are prohibited anywhere on campus or school related activities.
8. Symbols on clothing or jewelry that would distract or cause undue attention. No writing on the seat of the clothing.
9. Racially related symbols, emblems, pictures, words, or slogans.
10. Any tattoos real or fake must be covered.
11. Unnatural hair color, two-toned hair color, or a hair style that is disruptive; such as **Mohawks**, half shaved heads, etc. Hair should not cover the eyes. Hair,must be kept neat, clean, and well-groomed.
12. All clothing must be appropriately sized and fit at the natural waist. No excessively loose clothing that results in "sagging" and showing of undergarments or skin.
13. Dark glasses (unless prescribed by a physician).
14. See-through, provocative, or excessively tight clothing i.e. spandex tights, shorts, or pants and excessively tight dresses and skirts.
15. Excessively torn clothing, i.e. jeans, shirts that show underwear or skin/body parts above the knee. No holes or frayed clothing above the knee.
16. Clothing worn in a manner for which it was not intended, i. e. backward or inside out.
17. Any accessory or clothing article deemed gang related as determined by the principal.
18. Shorts must be hemmed or cuffed and finger-tip length or longer. Walking shorts and skorts are examples of styles that are normally permitted.
19. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be at a finger-tip length or longer when standing.
20. Students must also wear appropriate undergarments.
21. Belts that are excessively long, dog collars, and or chains.
22. The school district discourages the wearing of expensive jewelry and other apparel and is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

\*\*Parents should be aware that physical activity classes are conducted daily and closed-in shoes are recommended. Check to see that your student can run, do exercises, etc. in their shoes.

It is the responsibility of all students to adhere to the dress and grooming code. As long as the policy is in effect, the student must respect the decisions made by the principal and realize that it is the principal's responsibility to enforce the code and make decisions. Likewise, it is the responsibility of every faculty member to address dress code violations and report to the principal or assistant principal as necessary.

If the campus administration determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code a parent may be contacted. The student may be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to In-School Suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated violations may result in more serious disciplinary action.