

Dress and Grooming Proposed 22-23

(All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. All students should observe the basic standards of cleanliness, modesty, good grooming, and dress. All students also have the responsibility to wear appropriate clothing, which contributes to their own health and safety as well as that of others. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the following:

- Inappropriate or offensive tattoos must be covered.
- There should be no skin visible more than 4 inches above the middle of the knee. This includes skirts, shorts, dresses, shirts worn with leggings, or rips/tears/holes in jeans or pants. Rips, tears or holes lined with material or patches are allowed.
- Visible body piercing or dermals (other than the ears and a small nose stud piercing) and related jewelry is prohibited. Prohibited areas of the body include, but are not limited to eyebrow, cheek, tongue, and lips. Band-Aids to cover jewelry or spacers are not allowed.
- Pants, jeans and/or skirts must be worn above the hip bones, must remain at the waistline. Students will be required to address and fix the issue before they are permitted into the classroom setting. Belts are strongly encouraged to prevent sagging.
- Tight fitting workout attire (tights, spandex, jogging, bike shorts, etc.) are not allowed outside designed activity period such as dance or athletics.
- Pajama, sleepwear and blankets are not allowed.
- Shoes and sandals with a rubber sole and a fixed back strap must be worn. House shoes or flip flops not allowed. For safety reasons, during recess and Physical Education Class (P.E.), tennis shoes or an equivalent type shoe (must have a closed toe and back, and a level rubber sole) are to be worn. Course syllabi may require specific shoes for CTE courses.
- Sunglasses worn in the building are not acceptable, unless approved by the principal or because of a doctor's authorization submitted to the principal and nurse.
- The torso (shoulders, back, stomach, hips and buttocks) must be covered. Tank tops, crop tops, camisoles, undershirts or muscle shirts are not allowed. Revealing clothing and see-through materials are not acceptable. Low cut necklines are not acceptable. All undergarments must be covered.
- Trench coats, long capes, and dusters are not allowed.
- Students must wear dress code appropriate clothing (shirt) under jackets, hoodies, sweaters.
- Hats, bandanas, sweat bands, jacket/hoodie hoods, head wraps, bonnets, or any other head covering are not allowed on campus unless specifically approved by the principal or designee. Unapproved head coverings worn on campus will be confiscated.
- Chains, billfold/wallet chains, large beaded chains, or bicycle chains worn are not allowed.

- Uniforms or costumes within the guidelines approved by the principal are acceptable on designated campus days.
- Hair should be clean and neatly groomed. Extreme hairstyles or multiple artificial colors are not allowed. Hairstyles, which pose safety hazards in certain classes, may require that the hair be secured in such a manner as to create the least potential problem. Students may not wear hair rollers to school.
- Facial hair will be allowed if neatly groomed and non-disruptive.
- Rosary beads worn as jewelry are not allowed.
- Any article of clothing that represents another high school or school district such as a jersey, letterman's jacket, t-shirts, etc. may not be worn to school and will be confiscated.
- Any other article of clothing or accessory or hairstyle deemed inappropriate, unacceptable, inflammatory, and/or disruptive (such as clothing with lettering, pictures, profanity, nudity, patches, slogans, symbols, or advertisements that are distracting or inappropriate) may be confiscated by the school. Confiscated items may be claimed by the parent before June 15 annually. Unclaimed articles will be discarded. The district is not responsible for missing items.
- In addition to the District's Dress and Grooming policy, all Extra-curricular, including UIL, clubs and organizations may have stricter policies regarding Dressing and Grooming as deemed by their coach, sponsor, or administration.

If the principal or assistant 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 the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the parent and student until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.