



## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Students are to wear pants, slacks, shorts, and skirts at the waistline and secured with a belt, if necessary.
- Students are to wear clothing that covers the midriff.
- Students are to wear appropriate shoes. House shoes are not considered appropriate school attire.
- Students are to wear appropriate undergarments.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses (even when worn with tights or leggings ), must be as long as the way around the bottom of the fingertip, with normal movement, with the arm fully extended at the side. If the skirt or dress has a slit, the slit may not be higher than the bottom of the fingertip with the arm fully extended at the side.
- Students may wear earrings; however, students may not wear earrings that pose a safety hazard, including but not limited to gauges, plugs or spikes.
- Students may wear only small studs in the nose.
- Students may wear leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants, but they can only be worn with a top covering them that is as long all the way around as the bottom of the fingertip, with normal movement, with the arm fully extended to the side.
- Students may choose to color their hair with a natural or unnatural color; however, neon-colored hair is not acceptable.
- Students may be required to keep covered any tattoos deemed inappropriate or offensive by administration.

## **Not Permitted**

- Visible midriff
- House shoes
- Shorts, skirts and dresses that do not meet the length requirement
- Boxer-style briefs worn as outer garments
- Provocative, revealing, or excessively tight clothing, including but not limited to, sheer clothing, tank tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs, exposed fronts, and visible undergarments
- Clothing that is shredded, has holes above fingertip length, or has holes with skin exposed
- Crude or vulgar language or pictures
- Drug, tobacco, weapon, or alcohol-related language or pictures
- Racial/ethnic slurs, discriminatory language or pictures on clothing, school supplies, or any other student possession

- Gang-affiliated clothing, including but not limited to, altered hats, shirts, hairnets, belt buckles or other accessories
- Flagging or “posting of color”, items draped over shoulder, neck or hung out of pocket
- Notched eyebrows
- Oversized or sagging clothing, including pants, shirts, and belts
- Pajamas and pajama-type clothing
- Metal, wheeled, or hard tap shoes
- Sunglasses inside a building unless prescribed by a doctor
- Bandannas, neckbands, or bands on the arms, legs, or face
- Hats, hoods and caps inside a building during the instructional day
- Visible piercings on any other body part other than ears and nose
- Extreme hairstyles, including but not limited to, Mohawks
- Neon hair coloring
- Costumes or costume accessories (except on special days approved by administration)

Face coverings, masks or face shields should follow the district’s dress and grooming expectations as outlined in the student dress code. Bandannas are not considered an appropriate face covering. Failure to follow the district dress code may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The elementary/intermediate student dress code is the same as the secondary student dress code with a few exceptions. Each campus handbook provides a full list of exceptions.

Parents can help children participate in the physical education program by dressing them appropriately. The P.E. teachers recommend tennis shoes rather than boots or sandals, which can be unsafe due to the activities students will be participating in. Girls may wear pants or shorts under their dresses. The teachers further recommend pullover tops and pants so children can move freely on the floor without the discomfort of buttons and zippers.

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 may 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.