

Dress and Grooming Policy (PK-12th Grade)

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Students may not wear, as outer clothing, any clothing designed to be worn as an undergarment.
- Students may not wear strapless, spaghetti straps, tank or cut tops, half, or mesh shirts. All shirts and blouses should be of sufficient length so as not to expose the midriff and should be properly buttoned. Sleeveless shirts and blouses need to be at least three inches wide (grades 6-12), unaltered, and must have tight armholes so as not to reveal any undergarments.
- Shorts, dresses or skirts are permitted if they are hemmed and reach the top of the knee. Un-hemmed cut-off shorts or spandex shorts are not allowed.
- Leggings, tights, yoga or similar pants are permitted if they are accompanied with an approved top that is to the top of the knee. No leggings with sheer inserts are allowed. Students may not wear excessively tight clothing and/or low cut blouses or tops that expose cleavage and/or midriff.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear. For student safety, it may be recommended and/or required for students to have appropriate shoes for different classes such as Science, P.E., and Ag. Wheeled-shoes and house shoes are not permitted.
- Explicit or insinuating apparel or adornments that is disruptive to the educational process such as something vulgar, or that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, sex, or violence is prohibited.
- Jeans will not have holes above the top of the knee. If jeans have holes above the top of the knee, the student must wear tights underneath the pants. Jeans must be worn in an appropriate manner and maintained at the waistline (sagging jeans is not permitted - "Sagging" is defined as pants low enough to expose the underwear).
- Piercing permitted--ears and nasal only - Nasal piercing is limited to one stud - Gauging is not allowed (grades 6-12). Piercing permitted--ears only - Gauging is not allowed (grades PK-5).
- Students are not allowed to have facial hair.
- Body art/tattoos must be covered.
- Students should avoid extremes in hairstyles that attract so much attention that they interfere with the learning environment. Hair should be kept clean and well groomed. Hair should be kept out from in front of the eyes. Hair color must be of naturally occurring color in the human genome.
- Students are not allowed to wear hats in the buildings (except for campus approved hat days, dress-up days, etc.). If a student wears a hat into the building, the hat will be taken up and returned. Hoodies will be treated the same as a hat. Head coverings must be school approved.
- Students are not allowed to wear pajamas to school (except for campus approved dress-up days).
- No trench coats of any kind.
- No gang related dress or grooming items permitted.

Students attending extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events are required to abide by the dress-code requirements unless otherwise communicated by school administration. Some school sponsored days and/or events may require exceptions to the above dress code policy as determined by the school administration.

If the school administration 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.