

STUDENT CONDUCT, DRESS AND GROOMING CODE

PURPOSE

The District's dress and grooming code is established to teach appropriate dress, grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for authority.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. For clarification and consistency, the following specific guidelines are established.

DRESS

1. Dresses and skirts must be a length that is in keeping with the spirit of modesty and decency. Dresses/skirts shall not be shorter than four inches from the top of the knee cap. Extremely short lengths shall not be acceptable. (The school administrator's discretion may be applicable in judgment situations.)
2. Culottes and walking shorts shall be made from a full-cut design and not a tight immodest design and shall not be shorter than four inches from the top of the knee cap. For elementary schools only (Grades kindergarten through five), shorts may be worn provided they reflect modesty and decency. (The school administrator's discretion may be applicable in judgment situations.) There will be no sagging pants/shorts. Pajama pants will not be allowed.
3. Clothing that has holes, tears, or is ragged shall not be worn.
4. Tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless jerseys, and sleeveless shirts without a hem shall not be worn by students. Shirts designed to be tucked in must be tucked in. Tall t-shirts and oversized jerseys are not allowed.
5. Dresses or other clothing which are constructed from the following design shall not be worn: bare-back, string straps, strapless, low cut, or see-through.
6. Bicycle shorts or tight fitting leggings shall not be worn as the principal garment but may be worn as a part of a clothing ensemble that conforms to the dress code.
7. Mouth grills shall not be worn (all students).
8. Clothing that exposes a bare midriff shall not be worn.
9. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.
10. Shoes or appropriate footwear must be worn at all times; house shoes are not considered appropriate footwear.

11. Caps, hats, or other head coverings shall not be worn inside school facilities during school or at school-related activities conducted inside school facilities (assemblies, pep rallies, special programs, etc.). The wearing of sunshades (unless prescribed by a doctor) follow the same rules as applicable to caps and hats.
12. No suggestive clothing shall be worn that exhibits pictures, emblems, or writing that:
 - (1) are lewd, vulgar, morbid, slanderous, incitant, offensive or depict violence;
 - (2) advertise/exploit tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other illegal substances
 - (3) identify/refer to satanic, cult or gang activities.

GROOMING / PERSONAL HYGIENE

1. Students shall follow appropriate personal hygiene practices relative to body and clothing cleanliness.
2. Hair shall be neat, clean and well-groomed, and it shall not be combed in such a manner so as to cover the eyes. The length of male students' hair shall not touch the top of the student's shoulders. A variety of hairstyles is acceptable if the following extremes are avoided:
 - (1) geometric or unusual patterns shaved or cut in the hair;
 - (2) inappropriate color or color variation in hair;
 - (3) beads, ponytails, rattails (for males)
 - (4) unusual hair designs that may be distracting
3. Mustaches shall be kept neatly trimmed and may be no lower than top corner of bottom lip. No beards shall be worn.
4. Sideburns shall be kept neatly trimmed and not grown lower than the bottom of the earlobe.
5. Male students shall not wear earrings or ear studs. No student shall wear nose rings, studs, or visible body piercings.
6. Headbands and bandanas shall not be worn (all students).

If a school administrator determines that a student's grooming violates the district grooming code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If the problem cannot be corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Repeated violation of student grooming/personal hygiene code shall result in more serious disciplinary action as provided by Board Policy.

VIOLATIONS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS

If a school administrator determines a student's dress violates the district dress code, the student shall be assigned alternative clothing for the remainder of the day. Students shall not leave campus or have clothing brought to school to correct dress code. Refusal to wear alternative clothing will result in additional discipline determined by the administration. Repeated violations of student dress code shall result in more serious disciplinary action as provided by Board Policy.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action. (see FO, FOA, FOD)