

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Cleanliness, neatness, appropriateness, modesty, and effect on the learning environment are criteria that should dictate the student's choice of school dress and grooming on any given day.

A student is not appropriately dressed if he/she is a disturbing influence in class or school because of his/her mode of dress. In addition to the examples of unsuitable school dress and grooming listed below, **the principal will make the final determination on any other dress or grooming issue that may arise.**

Examples of unsuitable school dress and grooming **include but are not limited to** the following:

Tattoos and Piercings / Jewelry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Piercings – female students may wear earrings only. No other visible body piercings are allowed (including spacers and gauges). Males shall have no visible body piercings. ▪ Mouth grills or other face decorations. ▪ Oversized jewelry. ▪ Exposed tattoos that are lewd, vulgar, morbid, slanderous, incitant, offensive, or that depict violence or illegal activity.
Hairstyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hair/beards shall be neat, clean, and well groomed. ▪ Unusual and/or distracting hair designs. ▪ Hair combs or picks. ▪ Hair that covers the eyes.
Shirts and Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extremely saggy/loose or tight shirt or top. Clothing must fit properly. ▪ Low cut designs (unless covered with conforming clothing). ▪ Shirts or tops that expose the midriff or back – racer back, string straps, strapless, see-through, low cut, tank/tube/halter tops, etc. (unless covered with conforming clothing). ▪ Tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless jerseys, tall t-shirts.
Pants and Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sagging or extremely baggy/sloppy pants. Clothing must fit properly. ▪ Tears or holes showing skin above the student's fingertips.* ▪ Spandex, tights, jeggings, etc. (unless covered with conforming clothing). ▪ Extremely tight (skinny/knit) pants. ▪ Shorts shorter than fingertip length.* ▪ Pajama pants.
Dresses and Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dresses or skirts shorter than fingertip length.*
Hats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Caps, hats, or other head coverings.** ▪ Sunglasses.**
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No shoes.

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Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undergarments must be worn and unseen at all times. ▪ Visibly dirty, body odor.
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trench Coats and Dusters ▪ Clothing that is lewd, vulgar, morbid, slanderous, incitant, offensive, or that depicts violence or illegal activity. ▪ Clothing that depicts alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gangs or any other illegal content.

*Fingertip Length (Test) – the garment must extend below the student’s fingertips when his/her arms are down to the side hanging naturally. The garment must be fitted appropriately at the waist.

**Principal’s Discretion – occasionally the principal may lift these requirements for school spirit days.

Dress and grooming standards for participation in extracurricular activities may be more restrictive than the standards listed here. The applicable coach, sponsor, or director shall make the final determination regarding any heightened standard that may apply.

If an administrator 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 is 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. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to correct a dress code violation. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.