

Dress and Grooming

Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Any fashion (dress, accessory or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Students should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

- Does my clothing expose too much? (No)
- Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? (No)
- Are there obscene, profane, drug/alcohol or tobacco related, gang related, or inflammatory messages on my clothing? (No)
- Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? (Yes)

If you don't get the correct answer on any of these questions, make the changes before leaving for school.

Students are advised to use good taste in selecting their clothing choices for school. Students should follow the standards outlined below, and realize that some items of clothing that students choose to wear outside of school may not be appropriate for the school setting. Students will be expected to conform to the dress code standards during the school day. Students who are found to be in violation of the dress code will be given an opportunity to change or call home for appropriate clothing. If a change of clothes can not be brought to school, students may be given an appropriate discipline including but not limited to, a Detention or placement in the Alternative Learning Center for the day. Repeated incidents will be considered an act of insubordination and increased disciplinary actions may take place.

The following information will be used as general GUIDELINES to help students dress in an appropriate and adequate manner.

- No student shall dress in a manner, which presents a clear and present danger to the student's health or safety or in a manner, which causes an interference with schoolwork or which creates a classroom or school disruption.
- Hats, hoods (worn over head), sunglasses, sweatbands, tank tops, halter-tops, or mesh shirts are not to be worn during the school day. Bare midriffs are not permitted. All tops must cover the entire shoulder. Pajamas, sleep-related clothing, or "lounging" pants are not permitted. Slippers or unsafe footwear are not permitted.
- Pants, shorts and skirts may not be excessively distressed (ragged, torn or worn out) nor may there be holes in the garments that are more than 3 inches above the top of wearer's kneecap when a student is standing normally.
- A guideline for minimum length of shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses should be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of wearer's kneecap when a student is standing normally.
- Printing or pictures depicting themes of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, and sexual nature (including related innuendo or double entendre) will not be permitted. In

addition, any threatening, intimidating, subversive, or vulgar items will not be permitted.

- Undergarments, including but not limited to boxers, briefs, underwear, bras, sports bras, should not be exposed at any time. Gym clothes (worn as part of their P.E. classes) and spandex/biking shorts/pants, or leggings, jeggings, spandex, or other “form-fitting” style of clothing are not to be worn exclusively as pants during the school day unless it is layered as part of an outfit that conforms to the dress code and are within 3 inches above the top of wearer’s kneecap when a student is standing normally.
- Mesh or “see through” clothing that does not cover undergarments or spaghetti straps sufficiently to make that clothing combination in compliance will be considered in violation of school dress code.
- No student, while attending school or school-related event shall wear or display:
 1. excessive, unnatural hairstyles, hair color, makeup, contact lens, body paint, etc.
 2. hairstyles that cover the student’s eyes, impair their vision, or keep staff members from seeing the student’s eyes.
 3. any item in a visible facial or body piercing other than the ear.
 4. excessive-sized items or excessive sized gauging (larger than 000g or 7/16”) in an ear piercing.
 5. any item in a facial or body piercing that may inhibit student performance or speech, that may cause disruption of the educational environment, that poses a risk of health and/or safety concerns, or that may be indicative of gang or cult-related activities, including, but not limited to, a piercing of the lip, tongue, eyebrow, cheek, nose, etc.
 6. costumes, masks, and/or “morph” style suits that might prevent a student’s identity from being known or deemed inappropriate.
 7. wallet chains, spiked, or studded accessories.
 8. any student generated spirit wear must be approved administratively. Students may not create spirit wear on their own for use at school or athletic events without prior permission. Commercially available spirit wear acquired from local vendors are permissible if it meets basic standards of good taste.
 9. athletic uniforms, which do not meet dress code standards, may not be worn at school during regular school hours.
 10. improper or suggestive clothing is prohibited.

The administration will have the final decision as to what constitutes proper dress and grooming and whether or not a student’s clothing is inappropriate and/or constitutes a disruption to school.