## **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 should not wear clothes so revealing in length or design exposing undergarments or any portion of private regions including cleavage, midriff, or in such a state of disrepair, as to distract from the educational environment.
- Students are cautioned that there will be no:
  - Halter tops,
  - Off-the-shoulder shirts,
  - Fishnet, lace, transparent or see-through type shirts unless it is worn with a
     2-inch wide undershirt,
  - Transparent or see-through bottoms,
  - o Bare midriff tops, tops or dresses with extreme necklines, and
  - Dresses with high slits.
- Tight-fitting pants like; yoga pants or jeggings are permitted with a shirt, shorts, jacket, or dress that covers the hips or below.
- Long shorts and skirts are permitted provided they are appropriately sized, fitted, and no higher than fingertip length.
- Hoodies and sweatshirts must be appropriately sized. Hoods are not to be worn at school.
- Sleeveless shirts must cover the entire top of the shoulder and be fitted under the arm.
- Pants and jeans must fit properly and be worn at the natural waist. Jeans, pants, and shirts will have no tears, holes, or rips of any kind higher than fingertip length. Frayed areas in jeans are permitted above the knee if no skin is visible.
- Boys and girls must maintain moderate hairstyles that are clean and groomed. Drastic alterations to hair that would obstruct the view of the students or teacher are not permitted.
  - Examples of hairstyles that are not acceptable include but are not limited to:
    - Extreme hairstyles that obstruct the teacher's view of the student's eyes or obstruct the viewpoint for any students who sit behind them.
    - Inappropriate designs cut in hair will not be permitted.

- Facial hair is permitted but must be kept clean and well-groomed.
- Tennis shoes, boots, sandals, or any closed-toe shoe with smooth soles are appropriate for school (No house shoes, shower shoes, flip flops, cleats, or shoes with wheels).
- Students are not permitted to wear any facial jewelry except for earrings and stud nose rings. Hoop nose rings or any other facial piercings are not permitted.
- No visible tattoos are allowed. If a student does have a tattoo, it must be covered at all times.
- Extreme belt buckles will not be allowed (i.e., studded, spiked, LED display, bottle openers, chains, or any buckle that causes a distraction)
- Any form of knife (including pocket knife) is not permitted in school buildings.
- Hats, caps, and sunglasses are not permitted inside all school buildings or portable building areas where classrooms are located. Except for special occasions hats, caps, bandanas, head coverings, including athletic uniform caps will not be allowed at school. These items will be confiscated and returned the first time at the end of the day. If taken up more than once, the item will be kept in the office until the end of the school year.
- No wheeled backpacks allowed anywhere other than the gym hallway and locker room.
   No athletic gear in the hallways, such as baseball bats, etc.
- No pajamas or pajama pants, blankets, pillow pets, or pillows at school except on special occasions.
- Pictures, emblems, logos, or writing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or suggest
  "dual" meanings tied to the above areas, including grotesque figures that imply horror,
  death, killings, or crime are prohibited. Any depiction of tobacco products, alcoholic
  beverages, drugs, or prohibited substances is prohibited. Any clothing considered gang
  related will not be permitted.
- 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.
- Exceptions to the dress code will be addressed on an individual basis at the discretion of the Principal.