

## **DRESS AND GROOMING – Primary and Elementary School**

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, 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:

- Any extreme/oversized or revealing clothing will not be permitted, including but not limited to bare midriff, cut-offs, crop-top shirts, body suits, plunging necklines, bare backs, see-through clothing, pajamas, tank tops, and/or spaghetti-strap tops. Shirts/blouses that expose the midriff when the arms are raised are not to be worn.
- Students must wear proper underclothing.
- Tank tops will not be permitted unless worn under or over the appropriate blouse or shirt.
- All pants/slacks must: (a) fit securely on the waistline not dropping below the waistline and exposing undergarments, (b) not be touching the ground or covering the foot, (c) not be baggy or oversized, such as pants with wide legs running the length of the pant leg, (d) not be made of spandex or other form-fitting materials.
- Shorts guidelines: (a) the length of the shorts must fall no further than seven inches from the floor while the student is kneeling. The correct way to measure the length is to have the student kneeling and to measure from the floor to the bottom of the shorts. (b) no spandex or other form fitting materials shorts, wind shorts, unlined micromesh shorts, or boxer shorts are to be worn. (c) slits in shorts must be modest and fall no further than seven inches from the floor while the student is kneeling. (d) shorts and pants must have a hemmed bottom. (e) cut-off jeans are not allowed. (f) sagging pants or shorts are not allowed; shorts must fit securely at the waistline.
- Dress and/or skirt guidelines: (a) dresses and/or skirts with a hemline must fall no further than seven inches from the floor while the student is kneeling. (b) dresses/skirts may not be made of spandex or other form fitting materials. (c) slits in skirts or dresses must be modest and must be no further than seven inches from the floor while the student is kneeling.
- Hats or caps, including athletic uniform caps or hats, will not be permitted inside the gym and/or school building and/or cafeteria. Hats and caps may be worn outside the buildings.
- Shoes are required to be worn at all times while at school. House shoes are not allowed.
- Earrings on males are prohibited. Decorative body piercing is prohibited.
- Tattoos may not be exposed and must be covered.
- Males must keep hair cut so that it does not cover the eyes.

- Sunglasses/sun shades may not be worn at school, except during athletics as permitted by the appropriate coach/sponsor.
- Good health and personal hygiene habits should be practiced.
- Jewelry (including earrings, chains, emblems), which is considered to be a safety hazard or a distraction, is not permitted. Jewelry that is considered gang related is not allowed.
- No item shall be worn that will in any way damage school property, create a safety hazard, or create a distraction, such as colored make-up, colored hair spray, paint, markers, etc.
- No long trench coats or dusters will be allowed.
- Females may wear sleeveless shirts if the strap of the shirt is at least three inches. If the strap is less than three inches, females must wear another shirt under or over the shirt. A tank top is defined as sleeveless, low-scooped neck, scooped back shirt with straps less than three inches. This type of shirt will not be allowed if undergarments show through clothing or are exposed.
- Metal hair combs, picks, or rakes are not allowed.
- The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF(L) and prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Any gang related apparel, hats, shirts, jewelry, etc. is not appropriate for school and will be confiscated.
- Modesty and good taste are the "watch words" for school dress. Students are expected to follow the dress code on all school-sponsored trips. Sponsors are responsible for student compliance.
- Any student wishing to discuss a questionable piece of clothing before it is worn to school must ask the permission of the campus principal only, not secretaries, counselors, teachers, etc. If there are questions, please ask for a ruling in advance.

Students found to be in violation of the Dress and Grooming Code will be dealt with according to these regulations:

- First Offense: The principal will make a decision on the violation and inform the student in a personal conference. The student will be asked to correct the violation within a reasonable length of time (immediately if possible). In certain instances, a student may not be allowed to attend classes until a dress correction has been made. If this occurs, this constitutes an absence (unexcused) in that class.
- Repeated Offenses: The student will be subject to assignment to an alternative education program. The student must correct the dress code violation before being allowed to return to class.