

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

Part of the total education of the students is learning to dress appropriately and behave responsibly in a variety of situations. Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to the school environment and which does not cause disruption to the academic process. Research has shown a correlation between appearance and behavior, especially in the school setting.

These regulations will assist parents, students, faculty and administrators in determining appropriate student standards for dress while at school or school-sponsored activities.

1. Parents and students maintain responsibility for students dress and personal appearance.
2. When dress or grooming interferes with the cleanliness, health, welfare or safety of students, or when dress or grooming disrupts the educational process by being distracting, indecent or inappropriate to the educational process, it is prohibited.
3. Sponsors and teachers of elective programs (such as vocational classes) or elective activities (such as sports and music) may require more strict standards regarding dress and appearance for participants in their program or activity.
4. The principal/designee, with the assistance of the faculty, has the responsibility to uniformly administer the dress code. The decision of the principal/designee is final.
5. As new trends in fashion or dress emerge or become out of date, the District reviews and revises the dress code to reflect the standards of the community.

Students shall observe general guidelines for dress and appearance including:

1. no shorts or miniskirts that end above mid-thigh;
2. no shirts and blouses that expose the midriff or cleavage;
3. no tank tops, muscle shirts or halters;
4. hats, coats, bandannas and sunglasses are not to be worn in class or in school buildings;
5. no clothing or accessories that could be interpreted as promoting hate or communicating a negative, profane or vulgar message;
6. no clothing or accessories which advertise or are in any way related to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or weapons – including symbols and pictures;
7. no clothing or accessories with sexual messages – explicit or implied;
8. no transparent garments, open mesh garments or garments with large open sides may be worn without an underliner;
9. shoes must be worn and must not present a safety hazard;
10. no biking pants or spandex;
11. hair must be clean, worn out of the eyes and groomed at all times; no extreme or distracting hair color or makeup;
12. body-piercing adornments are to be worn in the ears only and are not to be extreme or distracting;
13. lower garments are to be worn at waist level; if a belt is worn, it must be of proper length; undergarments are not to be exposed;
14. no "dog collars," spiked bracelets or chains that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property;
15. no gang- or cult-related items of any kind and
16. no cutoffs, tattered clothing or clothing with holes.

Violation of the dress code can result in removal from class (until the violation can be resolved) and/or disciplinary action.