

Dress and Grooming

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and maintain a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The administration and faculty shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether it is appropriate or inappropriate for school wear. The administration has the right to ask students to change attire if it is of such nature that it provokes unfavorable comment. Any form of dress that attracts undue attention, disrupts school or detracts from the learning process is not acceptable.

Students who disregard the dress and grooming policy are insubordinate and subject to disciplinary action. Dress and grooming rules are in effect through the last day of school and apply during regular school hours, at school related events, and during travel on school transportation. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to comply with school rules and regulations concerning dress and grooming.

*Students who come to school in violation of the dress code will be given the opportunity to change into an appropriate item from the dress code closet (if items are available) so that they do not miss valuable class time. Students who do not take advantage of this opportunity will be sent home to change into dress code acceptable attire and return to class. Students who miss class time or are sent home at any time while correcting dress/grooming code problems are considered absent or tardy, depending on which condition applies. If a student refuses the option to use the dress code closet or clothes are not available in the dress code closet and transportation home is not available, the student is subject to a disciplinary referral involving OCI placement until the dress code issue is corrected.

1. Shorts/skirts/dresses may be worn provided that the length or slit is no more than four inches above the crease of the knee in the back. This includes shirts or dresses with tights worn underneath.
2. Cut-offs, micro mesh, wind, biker shorts may not be worn.
3. Tights, leggings, leotards, or other excessively tight clothing will not be allowed except as a layer under another acceptable garment.
4. Holes in pants are allowed with the exception that no holes with skin showing shall be more than three inches above the top of the knee. Temporary patches are not sufficient (duct tape, etc.)
5. Pants must be worn with the belt line at the waist; no sagging is allowed.
6. Clothing which exposes the midriff and chest area when the student goes through the normal activities of the school day (bending, stretching, reaching, etc.) is prohibited. Shirts must be long enough to cover the stomach when arms are raised.
7. No shirts are to be worn unbuttoned with the exception that layering is allowed. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless or sleeveless or off the shoulder blouses,

- shirts, dresses, and sweaters are not to be worn. See-through garments are not allowed without appropriate layering.
8. Appropriate foundation garments must be worn at all times and not visible.
 9. Students who try to circumvent the intent of the dress code by wearing prohibited clothing underneath another garment and then remove the garment during the course of the day will be considered in violation of the dress code.
 10. Articles of clothing, jewelry, or tattoos that advertise alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco products, or have a vulgar, profane or suggestive slogan or picture are prohibited. Designs which promote criminal activity, tendencies toward self-destruction, or that contain pictures or writing which cause substantial disruption to the learning environment are prohibited.
 11. No clothing items that advertise or suggest racially motivated supremacy or inferiority are allowed.
 12. Students are not to wear hats, caps, bandanas, or any other head covering in the buildings.
 13. Shoes are to be worn at all times. Wearing house shoes is prohibited.
 14. Clothing designed as sleepwear is not permitted to be worn (i.e pajama pants)
 15. Hair must be kept clean and well-groomed and kept out of the eyes.
 16. Hair color and style must be kept in a manner so as not to cause disruption to the learning environment. Determination of what is disruptive will be determined by campus administrators.
 17. Beards, mustaches, goatees, and sideburns shall be clean, well-groomed, and maintained.
 18. The wearing of jewelry in pierced body parts is prohibited, with the exception that students may wear earrings or studs in the ear and nose area.
 19. Gauged piercings will not be allowed.
 20. Band-aids will not be allowed to cover or conceal prohibited piercings.
 21. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the buildings, unless a medical diagnosis or medical professional documents a reason.
 22. Headphones/earbuds are not allowed unless specifically being used under teacher direction for an assignment or instructional activity.
 23. Chains of a non-jewelry nature are prohibited.

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Dress Code stipulations are not intended to be all-inclusive. Instances not addressed by the code will be left to the judgment of the principal.

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the

student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Exceptions to parts of the dress code may be made by the principal for school sponsored teams and groups on designated days.

