



## DRESS AND GROOMING

### ELEMENTARY

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Students should come to school neatly dressed, clean and well-groomed. Students' dress and grooming must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety and decency. (See Board of Education Policy 8240)

Students may not wear shorts and skirts above mid thigh. [The length of shorts can be no shorter than the finger tips when they are worn at the waist and arms are extended at the sides.]

Examples of **inappropriate** school clothing include, but are not limited to:

1. Form-fitting clothes, and low cut clothing. No tank tops, tube tops, bare midriffs (no navels showing), halter tops, thin strapped tops or revealing tops or mesh shirts
2. Hats or headwear
3. Fishnet gloves or arm coverings; no gloves in school
4. Low-slung pants (low riders), pants that extend beyond the shoe soles, or pants with excessive buckles, safety pins, ripped, or with holes or cutoffs.
5. Gang-style apparel (including but not limited to heavy chains, "colors," etc.)
6. Platform shoes, back-less or toe-less shoes, high heels or chunky heels more than 2 inches high, flip-flops or sandals, no skate shoes / heellies; no spikes on shoes or apparel.
7. Outdoor boots (children must wear shoes during the school day)
8. Make-up, tattoo decals, colored hair, extreme hairstyles or decorative hair carvings, artificial fingernails, long earrings or large jewelry.
9. Clothing displaying foul language, drugs, cigarettes, violence, weapons, alcoholic beverages, or inappropriate language or pictures
10. No perfume / cologne / hand cream permitted
11. Purse size may not exceed 8 ½" x 11", the size of this page

***Building principals are authorized to make the final decision about the appropriateness of specific clothing in a given school building.***

### SECONDARY

#### Dress and Grooming

Student dress and appearance must be in accordance with the accepted policies of the Board of Education. Dress and appearance must respect the rights of all persons in school, be appropriate for each

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educational setting, and must not present health, cleanliness or safety problems. Shoes must be worn at all times. NOTE: Underwear is not to be showing.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT APPROPRIATE:**

- Underwear showing
- Pants not worn at the waistline and/or not fastened with a belt – exposing underwear and/or sagging
- Shorts and skirts worn above mid-thigh (bottom of hem should be at or below fingertips when arms are at sides)
- Excessively oversized clothing
- Bare tummies/back – this includes shirts that rise up to expose skin
- Revealing see-through, or low-cut clothing
- Shoulder straps less than 3” in width
- Chains, spikes, handcuffs, etc.
- Headwear including bandanas, dew-rags, scarves, combs, and picks, while in the building
- Non-prescription glasses/sunglasses
- Sleepwear – slippers, pajamas
- Cutoffs – shirts and pants
- Ripped clothing - Frayed clothing will be allowed provided that no skin or under garments are visible.
- Muscle/mesh shirts, tank tops, beachwear, spandex
- Outerwear including but not limited to jackets and coats
- Clothing which designates a membership in an unauthorized organization deemed to be in conflict with school policies, practices, deviates from community norms, or is threatening to others, or anything else deemed inappropriate by administration
- Clothing that advertises or condones the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or states inappropriate language or promotes violence
- Clothing with designs/pictures/symbols or language that are sexually suggestive, vulgar/profane and/or offensive
- The following footwear styles: bare feet, house slippers, flip-flops, athletic sandals or any other type of footwear that could constitute a safety hazard
- **School ID must be worn at all times on a school-issued lanyard.**

Whether or not a student is dressed appropriately or properly groomed shall be left to the discretion of the principal or designee. A student whose clothing or apparel violates the dress code will be subject to the Code of Conduct and must change the inappropriate clothing or be sent home.

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