

Columbia Elementary School Community Council revised and approved: 21 October 2021

DRESS & GROOMING STANDARDS:

Please send students to school dressed appropriately for weather conditions.

- ✓ Students must wear shoes. Footwear should be appropriate for active play at recess and P.E. Shoes that provide ankle support and protect toes are recommended. Flip-flop and wheeled style shoes are not appropriate.
- ✓ All shirts and tops must have at least 4 fingers width of material covering the shoulders. Clothing that exposes the mid-section, buttocks, or undergarments is not allowed. If crop-top or midriff type shirts are worn, an undershirt should be worn to cover the mid-section.
- ✓ Shorts should not be shorter than mid-thigh and styles (such as rips or frayed) must not expose areas already covered by policy.
- ✓ Clothing containing obscene or suggestive words or pictures, including references to tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or is gang-related may not be worn at school.
- ✓ Clothing attachments which could be considered weapons (spikes, chains, wristbands, etc.) will not be allowed.
- ✓ Hair should be kept clean and neat. Extreme or distracting hair styles are discouraged.
- ✓ Hats are allowed outside.
- ✓ Visible body piercing is not allowed except on the ear. For safety reasons, dangly or loop earrings are discouraged.

School Dress & Grooming Standards should be followed whenever attending any school activity. A student's manner of dress and grooming should not cause a distraction or interruption to learning. Students are expected to come modestly dressed in a manner that reflects pride in themselves and the school. The principal will make final decisions. Students who come dressed inappropriately may be given the choice between wearing appropriate clothing issued by the school (if available) or calling home to arrange for appropriate attire.

Please make dress and grooming choices that promote our school's mission: Learning First!