

Intermediate & Elementary General Guidelines

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption or interference with normal school operations. The district prohibits pictures with emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (Legal).

The homeroom teacher is responsible for determining if the apparel worn to school adheres to the dress code requirements. Any school personnel may determine that clothing has been altered during the course of the school day after consulting with the homeroom teacher. If this occurs, the student is subject to disciplinary action.

The following will not be permitted:

All grades:

- Sunglasses, scarves, bandanas, or caps. (Unless the teacher during outside activities gives permission.)
- Hairstyles that are extreme, unusual colors, shaved lines or designs, interfere with vision (hair grown below the eyebrows), or that disrupt the school setting.
- Exposed midriffs, halter tops, low cut or strapless tops.
- Sleeveless tops or dresses are permitted as long as they are at least three fingers wide in width and don't reveal undergarments.
- Tattoos (temporary or permanent).
- Visible undergarments.
- Piercing, other than normal ear piercing for girls.
- Anything determined by school administration to be inappropriate.
- Any tight fitting or form fitting clothing.
- Cut-offs or boxer shorts.
- Mini-skirts or mini-dresses (see length requirements).
- Clothing constructed of sheer or mesh fabric or clothing that appears torn or worn out.
- Hip huggers or clothing worn to hang at the hips.
- Any clothing that displays pictures, emblems, or writing that depict sex, death, the occult, violence, blood, bones, gore, or membership in a gang.
- **Boys**-sleeveless shirts without a t-shirt underneath (i.e. jerseys).
- **Boys**-Baggy or oversize pants.

- **Boys-** any type of earrings.
- **Boys in all grades-** will wear hair above the eyebrows (i.e. clear of their face).

Length guidelines for JrK-5

- Shorts, dresses and skirts must be longer than the length of students' fingertips when arms are rested by their side.
- Girls must wear shorts under dresses and skirts as long as the dress still meets the fingertip test.
- Leggings may be worn under a long blouse as long as it covers their bottom.

Dress Code Exceptions

Dress code exceptions may be made in a supervised physical activity and some extracurricular or co-curricular activities, as determined by a coach, school sponsor, or other staff member in charge, **and upon approval of the school administrator**. Medical exceptions to the dress code shall be made by the principal upon certification from the student's family physician that compliance with the rules would be detrimental to the physical or mental state of the students.

Dress Code Violations

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. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.