

Dress and Appearance

“One of the reasons we have schools is for students to learn what is appropriate. Young people learn what is appropriate in society by looking at their adult role models. Your dress and your behavior are what young people will take to be appropriate.” Harry K. Wong

As professionals in our schools, we realize and value the public’s perception of our roles as mentors and models for students. We, therefore, set in policy the following outline of “reasonable expectations” for all professional staff.

The following dress code will apply to all teachers, counselors, aides, secretaries, and administrators throughout the District. It is to be applied for all of the days students are present, parent-teacher conferences, and professional development days.

DRESSING UP IS ENCOURAGED

Inappropriate/Unacceptable Attire

- Backless, see-through, tight fitting, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses
- T-shirts, lycra, spandex, midriff tops, tank tops, muscle shirts
- Cut-off/Jeans shorts
- Sweatpants
- Coaching shorts, spandex (shorts or pants) of any length
- Holey or worn out Blue Jeans
- Mini-skirts
- Jogging suits
- Denim overalls
- Apparel with offensive logos

EXCEPTIONS

- Gym Teachers: Gym clothing appropriate to activity, shorts restricted to gym or outside PE areas.
- Field Trips/Field Days: Modest, appropriate to activity.
- Special Days: Holiday clothing/school spirit/thematic clothing with Principal’s permission.
- The Principal may grant exceptions based on job-related needs.

Any casual dress or accessories not stated above must at all times meet or exceed standards set for our students in each of their respective schools.

ENFORCEMENT

. In cases where a staff member refuses to comply with the directions of the Principal/Program Supervisor/Superintendent, the staff member's employment could be terminated. The decision of the Superintendent is final regarding administration of this policy.

Policy History:

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