



STUDENT DRESS CODE & PERSONAL GROOMING REQUIREMENTS

The standards for dress and grooming have been established to teach good grooming and hygiene, instill discipline and modesty, demonstrate respect for authority, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a positive learning atmosphere. Dress and grooming standards promote responsibility and self-esteem, thus preparing students to be ready for the adult world in higher education and the workplace.

Students will not be allowed to leave school to change clothes unless approved by the principal. Approval to leave campus to change clothes will be given ONLY in cases of extreme necessity or emergency. Parents will be asked to bring clothing to school for a student, if necessary. The student will remain in ISS until the dress code issue is corrected.

The district prohibits clothing or grooming that, in the principal's or designee's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Any accessory or clothing item deemed unsuitable for school by the campus administration will be prohibited.

Expectations for Student Dress:

- Any accessory or clothing item adorned with metal that could create delays at campus metal detectors should not be worn.
- Clothing items and accessories should not depict or promote the occult, gang affiliations, death, suicide, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sex.
- Clothing should be washed and clean.
- Skirts, shorts, or pants with tears and holes will not be permitted above the end of the fingertips. This rule must be in effect when the child is standing still and walking.
- Clothing should not be sheer or "see-through."
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn and not visible.
- Any clothing that brings undue attention is considered disruptive and unacceptable (including tops that reveal too much cleavage.)
- Clothing items and accessories should not contain "racially divisive" materials, flags, or insignia.
- Onesie/costume or pajama sets are not permitted.
- Blankets are not allowed.
- Students should come to school bathed and free of body odor.
- Hair and facial hair should be neat and clean and should not be distracting to the learning environment.
- Violent, profane, and sexually visible tattoos (temporary or permanent), face painting, body art or personal body drawings are not appropriate and must be covered.
- Chains other than jewelry will not be allowed.
- Spiked jewelry of any kind is not allowed including "dog collars".

- Sunglasses, hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, or other headwear are not allowed in school or on buses. Hoods may not cover the head indoors.
- Visible body piercings should not be distracting to the learning environment.
- Gang-related clothing or articles are not allowed, including bandannas, towels, etc.

Dress Standards:

All clothing items will be addressed below to describe specific requirements.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be worn at all times at school.
- Shoes with rollers are not permitted unless the rollers have been removed.
- Students may wear flip-flops in all grades except during PE/athletics.
- Certain classes or teachers may require students to wear “closed-toe” shoes as part of the activities that may occur in the course. This will be announced in advance where possible by the teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to comply with this requirement.
- Oversized house shoes are not permitted.

Shirts/Blouses/Sweaters/Sweatshirts – May be any color or style, **EXCEPT** the following:

- Short blouses or shirts are not acceptable at school. The mid-section, or stomach area, must be covered. If the mid-section is exposed when hands are raised over the head, the blouse or shirt is too short.
- Backless or halter tops
- Low-cut or exposing cleavage
- Off the shoulder
- Tank tops (in grades 6-12)
- “Spaghetti” straps, thin straps, or strapless
- Tube tops

Pants and Shorts:

- Pants/jeans/slacks/shorts with “distressed” areas may not reveal undergarments or buttocks.
- Holes will not be permitted above the end of the fingertips.
- “Yoga pants” are allowed if a dress code-approved top/shirt is worn with them.
- Shorts must be no shorter than where the student’s fingertips fall.
- Shorts that have a flap designed to simulate a skirt (“skort”) are allowed if they are no shorter than fingertip length.

Skirts/Jumpers/Dresses:

- The hemline of skirts, jumpers, and dresses must be no shorter than where the student’s fingertips fall. This includes long shirts worn as dresses.
- Slits in skirts/jumpers/dresses may not be any shorter than where the student’s fingertips fall.
- Dresses with plunging necklines, exposed cleavage, midriff, and bare backs are not permitted.

Outerwear:

- Outerwear is defined as clothing designed to protect from the elements, such as coats and jackets.
- Coats and jackets should be of an appropriate size/fitted, should not be below the hip in length, and may be worn over dress code attire in inclement weather.

- Long coats of any style (trench coats, dusters, overcoats, military-type jackets) and jackets with an excessive amount of inner and outer pockets are not acceptable as a form of outerwear and will not be accepted at school.
- Any item of outerwear deemed unsuitable for school by the administration will be prohibited