

## Dress Code, Grooming, and Personal Electronics

(All Grade Levels)

The district's Dress Code, Grooming, and Personal Electronics Policy is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards.

The support of parents and compliance by the students is essential in order to have the best possible atmosphere for learning in school. When any questions arise or there is any doubt about the appropriateness of clothing, students and parents are encouraged to consult with school officials. A good rule to go by is: **IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT WHAT IS APPROPRIATE DRESS—DO NOT WEAR IT.**

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

### **HAIR and MAKEUP:**

- All student's hair must be neatly groomed and combed. All students must have hair out of their face and eyes.
- No exaggerated make-up, hair color, or hairstyles. Hair must be **natural colors**.
- Neatly groomed mustaches and facial hair are allowed.

### **ACCESSORIES:**

- Accessories must be appropriate and acceptable. (Administrator Discretion)
- No sunglasses unless tinting is required by a physician's prescription.
- Visible body piercings (other than the ears and a SMALL nose stud piercing) and related jewelry are prohibited. Prohibited areas of the body include, but are not limited to, eyebrows, cheek, tongue, septum, and lips. Band-Aids to cover jewelry or spacers are not allowed. Gauges are not allowed.
- No chains or other devices other than necklaces (no wallet chains, dog collars, etc.)
- Blankets/pillows are not allowed.

### **TATTOOS and BODY ART:**

- All tattoos must be appropriate for the school setting. No pictures, emblems, or writing that implies or is lewd, vulgar, gang-related, obscene, or could be construed as offensive or proves to be disruptive. No items that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other products, items or objects which would be in violation of laws.

### **TECHNOLOGY WORN OR CARRIED AS AN ACCESSORY:**

- **Cell phones, smart watches, tablets, earbuds, headphones, and all other electronic devices MUST be placed in a designated holding area during class time.**
- ***No warnings will be given. All offenses will result in disciplinary actions according to the updated Cell phone policy.***
- **If a device is taken up by school staff, it will be turned in to the office. A parent or guardian must pick it up from the office.**

### **HEAD COVERINGS:**

- The “Hoodie” head covering is not allowed in the building or classrooms
- **Caps/Hats are not allowed in the building or classrooms.**
- No Bandanas.
- A Fashion Headband to appropriately hold back hair is allowed.

### **CLOTHING (GENERAL)**

- Clothing must be appropriate and conducive to the educational environment.
- No torn, dirty, or unsuitable clothing

### **JEANS, PANTS SKIRTS, and SHORTS:**

- Holes in jeans/pants are acceptable but must be below fingertip length when standing.
- Leggings are allowed and the top must be fingertip length-no tucking in.
- No sagging pants/shorts. All pants/shorts must be worn at the waist level.
- Pants of any kind must completely cover undergarments
- No dri-fit shorts, biker shorts, dri-fit shorts, wind shorts.
- **All shorts, dresses and skirts must be long enough that when a student’s arms are held down by their sides, their fingertips do not touch any skin. (without adjusting from the waist)**
- Pajamas and house shoes are not allowed. No blankets & pillows.

### **SHIRTS, BLOUSES, DRESS TOPS:**

- No see-through clothing.
- No undergarments visible through clothing.
- No strapless clothing.
- No bare midriff tops. The midriff must be fully covered in any position.
- No racerback tops or dresses.
- Sleeveless blouses will be permitted as long as the skin is covered above the rib cage. Sleeveless shirts must be at least three fingers wide with no visible skin from the top of the rib cage down. T-shirts with cut-out sleeves are unacceptable
- No low cut or scoop neck tops that are revealing.

### **EMBLEMS, IMAGES, ART ON ATTIRE:**

- No pictures, emblems, or writing that implies or is lewd, vulgar, gang-related, obscene, or could be construed as offensive or proves to be disruptive.
- No items that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other products, items or objects which would be in violation of laws.

### **SPECIAL CLOTHING SITUATION / EVENTS:**

- Special attire and uniforms for extra-curricular activities may be worn on special occasions, with administrative approval.
- Formal Dance Dress must meet criteria set forth in the special event dress code to be created by the sponsor of the event and approved by administration. (If there is a question regarding dress please get prior approval from the administration.)

- Special attire and uniforms for extra-curricular activities may be worn on special occasions with administrative approval. (You must wear the complete uniform on these occasions.) During award assemblies & banquets students should be dressed in appropriate attire.

#### **DRESS CODE VIOLATION RAMIFICATIONS:**

- Dress code violators may be placed in ISS or provided with an alternative option if available until the violation is corrected.
- *Note: All of the above shall be under the interpretation of the administration. If an article of clothing or other item is questionable, administrators shall make the final decision.*
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make sure that students adhere to the dress code during regular school hours as well as during extracurricular/school activities.
- If a student is determined, by the campus administrators or superintendent or designated administrator on duty, to be out of dress code at any function, while being accompanied by an adult parent/guardian or not, the student will be asked to change or leave the school function. If there is ANY issue, situation, or verbal discourse that is determined to be inappropriate, threatening, or unnecessary the student will face immediate disciplinary action.
- **The campus administrator has the right at all times to regulate any attire that causes disruption or creates a hazard.**

Any questions regarding dress code violations will be handled by the **CAMPUS ADMINISTRATORS ONLY**. Teachers may send students to the office for possible violations, but campus administrators will determine the final outcome at their discretion.

Ramifications:

1. Students will be required to change. If clothing can be provided at the school, it will be provided to prevent missed instructional time.
2. Repeat offenders are subject to ISS, suspension or DAEP placement.
3. Violation of the dress code will result in disciplinary actions.

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School Authority: 1. The Texas State Constitution and Texas Education Code mandate that Texas children are 'entitled to a free and appropriate education'. 2. Further, the following court cases set precedent that allow school districts to determine dress and grooming standards: Karr v. Schmidt, 460 F.2d at 625; Bethel School District v. Fraser, 106 S.Ct.3159, 3164 (1986); Barber v. Colorado ISD., 901, S.W.2d 447, 450-451 (1995).