

# **Students Dress and Grooming 21/22**

## **Pages 54-57 Student Handbook**

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat.
- We expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff.
- We do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school.
- The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming 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.

### **Appropriate Attire**

Male students must wear clean clothing (shirt, slacks, jeans, shorts, trousers) that is not excessively torn or damaged above the knees. Female students must wear clean clothing (dress, blouse, shirt, skirt, shorts, slacks, jeans) that is not excessively torn or damaged above the knees. Pants must be worn with the waist at waist level, and shirts or blouses must be

buttoned. All students must wear shoes and appropriate undergarments. At grades 6-12, shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knees. Leggings or jeggings may be worn only if the appropriate skirt or blouse reaches at least 2 inches above the knee.

## **Inappropriate or Unacceptable Attire**

The following clothing and accessories are inappropriate attire for any student at school or a school-related or school-sanctioned activity:

- Shorts or skirts shorter than 2 inches above the knee for 6-12
- Pants worn below the natural waistline or sagging, bagging, or extremely loose pants
- Bandanas are not permitted at school
- Shirts or blouses that reveal undergarments or cleavage, midriff length tops that leave exposed skin, spaghetti strap or halter tops
  - Exposed undergarments
- Bedtime attire, pajamas, undershirts, or undergarments worn as outerwear, such as, boxer shorts
- Clothing made of any see-through material, fish net or very loosely-woven fabric, unless other clothing is worn underneath
- Shirts or blouses that are split up the side such that the vent or split is unfinished or extends above the natural waistline
- Un-hemmed or cut-off clothing of any kind
  - Muscle shirts, shirts with oversized armholes, or backless shirts, blouses or tops
- Any clothing made of Spandex or similar body-hugging fabric or material
- Flip flops, roller footwear, slippers, or house shoes
- High heeled or Platform shoes
- Sunglasses, hats, scarves, hoods, or caps worn or visible inside a school building
- Hair rollers, hair curlers, plastic hair bags, and other similar grooming items worn inside a school building
- Trench coats, duster coats, or any like garments are prohibited

## **Appropriate Grooming**

All students will exemplify grooming standards that project a positive image for the student, school, and District. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed and worn in a style that does not cover the eyes or eyebrows.

- Male students' hair must be neatly trimmed and worn in a style above the eyebrows.
- Facial hair on male high school students is permitted as long as it remains, clean and neatly groomed to a length no longer than one quarter (1/4) inch.
- Beards and goatees must not extend in length past the chin or onto the neckline; sideburns must not exceed the bottom of the earlobe.
- Facial hair must be the natural hair color and may not be styled in a manner that is distracting.

## **Inappropriate Grooming**

The following hair styles or coloring are inappropriate grooming for any student at school or school-related or school-sanctioned activity:

- Neon or other hair colorings or bleaching, whether permanent or temporary, in a shade or tone that the principal determines to be unnatural, such as a neon orange, neon pink, magenta, any shade of blue, any shade of green, violet, purple, or white.
- Hair coloring or bleaching for the purpose of creating extreme differences in color, shade, or tone between sections of individual strands of hair or areas of hair on the head.
- Patterns or designs shaved or cut into the hair, such as Mohawks (or any hairstyle resembling a Mohawk) partially shaved heads, etc.
- Hair that is worn in a manner that can disrupt or interfere with the learning environment.

## **Clothing with Words or Pictures**

Clothing worn at school or school-related or school-sanctioned activities may not display printed statements or pictures:

- That is vulgar, obscene or suggestive
- That is related to or depict sexual activity
- That depicts hate or violence in general or are directed at any specific person or group of persons
- That are related to or depict the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco;
- That defaces the American flag

## **Jewelry, Tattoos, Body Piercing**

Students may not wear on the outside of their clothing and jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or distracting or that are likely to cause disruption to the educational environment. Students may not wear facial jewelry of any kind, other than non-distracting earrings worn on the ear. Male students may not wear earrings or spacers. Any body piercing or tattoos, including temporary tattoos, must be covered at all times while students are under the school's jurisdiction.