

the student's health and safety.

BOARD-APPROVED DRESS CODE

Students and school board employees are required to appear at school clothed and groomed in a manner that will help provide an atmosphere conducive to learning and that will promote proper behavior. Any article of clothing or manner of style determined by teachers or principals to be disruptive to the learning environment or to be hazardous to the health and safety of students or to the teachers shall not be worn.

The following guidelines should be followed by students when dressing for school:

1. Halters, tank tops, spaghetti straps, see-through blouses, shirts, or dresses, undergarments worn as outer garments, or any other clothing which is determined to be too revealing, suggestive or disruptive may not be worn to school.
2. a. For students in middle and high school grades, knee-length pants, skirts and dresses must be no more than four (4) inches above the knee.
b. For students in elementary school, the length of shorts, dresses and skirts is required to be at least mid-thigh in the front and back while standing. Mid-thigh is defined as the point of the leg beyond the fingertip with the arms and fingers fully extended at the sides.
3. Extremely tight fitting clothing, such as bicycle shorts, leotards, or knee-length pants, must not be worn as outer garments. If a skirt is worn over these, the skirt length must be regulation.
4. Shirts and blouses must be long enough to tuck.
5. All clothing must fit appropriately; big-legged or baggy pants and shorts are prohibited;
6. Long/oversized coats are prohibited.
7. Clothing and jewelry imprinted with slogans, graphics or pictures that refer to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or clothing with vulgar or suggestive writing, pictures or patches shall not be worn to school and will not be allowed. Clothing with slogans or pictures which promote activities or products prohibited by the school code of conduct will not be permitted. **All clothing must fit appropriately and must be worn in the manner for which it was designed.**
8. Students must wear shoes or sandals while attending academic classes.
9. Student may not wear sunglasses inside the building unless prescribed by a medical doctor for health reasons.
10. Students may not wear any type of cap, hat or headdress at school. The only exceptions will be special occasions, athletic events, during outside P. E. activities or as head protection in vocational or agribusiness classes.
11. Clothes with holes above the knee are not to be worn to school.
12. Ear jewelry may be worn by females only. Band-aids or retainers may not be worn to conceal an earring. Nose jewelry is not allowed. Jewelry (studs, pins, etc.) may not be in any visible pierced areas of the body including, but not limited to the tongue.
13. Hair should be neat, clean and well-groomed. Boys' hair must not come below the bottom of a dress shirt collar in the back and sides, not below the eyebrows in front. The administration reserves the right to request students to alter their hair length and/or style if in their opinion it could be a disruption to the school environment.
14. Beards are not permitted for male students. Mustaches may be worn, but must not extend below the corners of the mouth.
15. Bracelets, belts and other clothing and accessories with spikes, studs or chains are not allowed.
16. Students are not to wear extreme facial makeup or unnatural hair color that is distracting.
17. School sponsored activity uniforms that do not meet the dress code are not to be worn outside the activity itself.
18. Athletic bags (gym bags) must be placed in a secure, designated area prior to the beginning of the school day.
19. Only clear or see-through mesh backpacks will be allowed. Oversized purses must be clear or see-through mesh.
20. Clothing that depicts emblems, graffiti, gang related symbols, or colors is not permitted.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code will be required to find clothing that meets the code or will be sent home (unexcused) to correct the situation.

The final decision with what constitutes a dress code violation rests with the local school principal.

Please check your local school handbook for procedures and clarifications on the dress code.