

Dress and Grooming Guidelines

As society's norms for dress and grooming change, it is helpful for students and parents to have some guidelines concerning school policy on controversial questions relating to student dress and grooming. It is impossible to list all the styles, which might be considered appropriate for school. Likewise, it is impossible to anticipate all the questions involving dress and grooming. Therefore, students are expected to keep themselves clean, well groomed, and dressed in "good taste".

The following statements are intended to provide *minimal guidelines* for a standard of student dress and grooming. The major responsibility for meeting these standards is established at home. Student dress and grooming must meet conventional standards of dress and modesty during all school functions. Students who violate the student dress and grooming guidelines will be instructed to remedy the situation and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

1. Students should make every attempt to be clean and well-groomed at all times. Attempts by student to call undue attention to themselves by unusual, bizarre, or revealing dress will not be permitted (Specific examples would include pants with holes or distressed areas above the knees, pajamas, or make-up coloring/styling.)
2. Clothing with profane, suggestive, or questionable pictures and/or lettering is prohibited.
3. Clothing should be worn as designed and should not display inappropriate parts of the body or undergarments. (no bra straps, cutoffs, or sagging pants)
4. While on field trips, the teacher/chaperones in charge will determine the mode of dress appropriate.
5. Shorts, skirts, or dresses are not permitted unless they are appropriate length. The clothing must extend past the tip of the middle finger when arms are extended to the side.
6. Tank tops are not to be worn; unless covered by another shirt - shoulders are to be covered.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times.
8. No hats or head coverings of any kind unless it is a special school activity day authorized by the administration.
9. Items, such as dog chokers, dangling chains, jewelry with sharp points (i.e. studded collars, bracelets, and ear tapers) are prohibited.
10. Wearing coats is not permitted unless approved by the administration due to temperature problems in the building. A coat is anything considered outerwear. If question arise, the administration will make the final determination about what is or is not a coat.
11. Book bags, tote bags, and duffel bags are only to be carried to and from school Exception: school provided electronic device carrying case. (Medical exceptions may apply per administration approval.)
12. Shorts and pants with pictures or writing across the seat are unacceptable.
13. Spandex, yoga pants and leggings are not be worn unless under dress code appropriate length skirt, shorts, or pants. **TEST; if leggings (etc.) removed would the attire still meet dress code?**

The principal shall serve as the arbiter of student dress and grooming.

Violations will result in the following discipline:

- Each offense will result in the student signing a dress code violation form and it being placed in the discipline file.
- 1st Offense – Student will change clothing. If student does not have a change of clothing, parent/guardian will be called to bring replacement.
- 2nd Offense – Student will change clothing and be assigned a Detention. If student does not have a change of clothing, parent/guardian will be called to bring replacement.
- Further occurrences will be considered insubordination and will require a meeting with the parent and the Principal and possible suspension could take place.

With the changes in fashions and styles, the administration reserves the right to determine if a violation of the dress code has occurred.

10. Exceeding Consequence Limits

No student shall exceed the limits per year given for detention, Saturday School, or OSS. When a student exceeds the designated limits, the student will be referred to principal for further consequences. These consequences may include but are not limited to OSS, filing of court charges, or recommendation to the superintendent for expulsion.