

Dress and Grooming

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. All clothing or accessories must be worn in the manner in which they are designed to be worn. If there is any doubt if an item is in dress code, do NOT wear it. All dress code rules apply to all school-sponsored events. The principal may modify the rules for specific events at his/her discretion. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, symbols or writing on clothing and/or body parts that:

- Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, provocative or obscene.
- Advertise, depict or imply tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under Board Policy FNCF (LEGAL).
- Could be offensive or have a "double meaning," including references to death or violence (such as guns or deadly weapons), or Confederate flag items.
- Are deemed gang-related.

Anything the principal deems inappropriate is not allowed.

Specific rules regarding choice of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, or hairstyle:

Clothing

- Wearing caps or hats, bandanas, items that are folded to make a headband, do-rags, or other inappropriate headgear inside the school building during the regular school day is prohibited. Accessories that are designed to be worn as a headband are allowed.
- Dark glasses (unless prescribed by a physician for indoor wear) are not allowed.
- Contact lenses that make the eyes appear abnormal are not allowed.
- Wearing shirts or tops that expose the midriff when the arms are extended horizontally is not allowed. A student is in automatic violation of this rule when skin is showing at the waistline.
- Sleeveless shirts/blouses are permitted for ladies but must be at least 2 inches wide or wider at the shoulders. Multiple tops may be worn, but one top must be at least 2 inches or wider at the shoulders. Students cannot combine outfits to reach the 2-inch rule. (Two 1-inch straps does not equal a 2-inch strap). Full back and front shoulder coverage is required. Arm and neck holes should be properly hemmed. Torn out or ripped neck and/or arm holes are not allowed.
- Button-type shirts are to be buttoned to within one button of the top of the shirt or whatever is appropriate and reasonable for that shirt.
- Muscle shirts, see-through tops, sun tops, strapless tops or tank tops. See-through or sheer tops may be worn with an undershirt that is within dress code. Low-cut clothing (neck or underarm) which shows undergarments is unacceptable. Necklines shall not be lower than the top of the armpit.

- Trench coats or full-length coats are not to be worn to school.
- Skirt and shorts length must not be shorter than three inches above the knee. Jeans or pants with holes that expose skin above the knee is prohibited. Inside patches or tights underneath holes is allowable. Tights are not to be see-through.
- Pants shall be properly fitted and worn at the true waist of the student. No baggy and/or sagging pants or shorts, and no pants that excessively drag on the ground will be allowed.
- Leggings shall not be worn alone as pants. Another garment (either a skirt or shorts) must completely and at all times cover the upper portion of the leggings higher than the tips of the fingers when arms are extended down the side of the body. Leggings are defined as any excessively tight, stretchy, lower body contouring and/or spandex-type leg covering, with or without seams and/or pockets.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn. No undergarments or parts of undergarments may be visible.
- House shoes and/or slippers are not permitted.
- Pajamas or loungewear is not permitted, including yoga and sweatpants. Students are not allowed to possess/use blankets.

Hair and Skin

- Jewelry or garments with spikes are not to be worn
- Skin shall be free of personalized ink drawings, writings, or decorations. All tattoos must be covered.
- Exaggerated makeup is prohibited. Male students may not wear painted fingernails or wear facial makeup.
- Hair must be either a natural color or be naturally tinted or colored (black, blond, brown or red) in a blended and balanced manner. Ends or tips of hair must be the same color as the rest of the hair.
- Shaved designs (patterns) will not be allowed. Excessively spiked hair will not be allowed. Students must keep their hair neat and well groomed.
- Male students are not allowed to wear ponytails. Male hair length must not fall below the top of the eyes, extend below the ears, and/or the collar in back. Male sideburns are not allowed to extend past the earlobes.
- Facial hair must be kept neatly trimmed and well-groomed. Appearance will be deemed acceptable at the discretion of the campus administration.
- No visible body piercings other than in the ears is allowed. Students may not wear gauges/spacers or anything to prevent closing of piercings. Piercings may not be covered with items such as tape or Band-Aids. Male students are not allowed to wear ear rings or gauges.

Sponsors, coaches or other persons in charge of extracurricular activities may further regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity.

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 it can be done in a timely manner without the student missing class time. If not corrected by second period, 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. Temporary fixes such as tape, paper, tissue, jacket, etc. are not allowed. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Graduation

All graduates will be required to be in school dress code. Additionally:

- Blue jeans, tennis shoes or sneakers, and flip-flops are NOT appropriate footwear for any graduate.
- Men will wear dark or khaki pants, a white or light-colored button-down shirt with a collar, and a tie.
- Ladies should wear a dress. A simple, straight dress without a high neckline gives the best results. The length of the dress should not be longer than the length of the gown.
- Ladies will not want to wear extremely high (spiked or stiletto heels) or platform shoes—the awarding of the diploma will occur on a raised platform and walking up and down stairs may be difficult in extremely high heels.
- Men should be clean-shaven. This means no five o'clock shadow, beards or long side-burns.
- Men's hair should be an appropriate length, as specified in the Dress and Grooming Code.
- Graduates should not chew gum during the ceremony.

Prom

Questions or concerns about attire should be brought to the principal/designee BEFORE the day of the event. All individuals attending prom, including guests, must follow the same dress guidelines.

Dress Code for Young Men: Dress pants, dress shirt and shoes must be worn. A tie and jacket is strongly recommended. All pants must be securely worn around the waist. No "polo" style shirts will be allowed. Denim pants are allowed only with a dress shirt, tie and jacket.

Dress Code for Young Women: Ladies should wear a dress or gown. The outfit may not be made of see-through material. Strapless dresses are allowed; however, they must be in good taste. Open and two-piece styles are allowed, but need to fully cover the breast and lower back/upper buttocks area. Plunging necklines, excessive cleavage or bikini-style bodices will not be considered appropriate. The dress length and all slits cannot exceed more than six inches above the knee.

Dress Code Violations: Students dressed inappropriately will be turned away at the door. Students will not be admitted wearing cargo pants (or other casual pants), t-shirts, torn

clothing, chains/spikes, sexually implicit or explicit clothes, shorts, bandanas, or items referencing tobacco or alcohol products. Adjustments made at the door or during the dance (including pinning, the addition of a jacket, the addition of a body suit, tights, etc.) can be used as solutions for violations of the dress code, but if these violations cannot make the attire acceptable, then student(s) will be asked to leave the dance.