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#### **Acceptable:**

- Hair must be kept out of the eyes
- Shirts may be sleeveless and be long enough to cover the waistband
- Pants must be worn at the waist without the assistance of the wearer
- Pants with holes. If the holes are above the knee No skin showing
- Shoes must be worn at all times
- Leggings with top or dress (top or dress long enough to cover the buttocks)
- Nose stud(piercing)

#### **Unacceptable:**

- Mohawks or extreme hairstyles that distract the learning environment
- Tank tops, sleeveless undershirts
- Sunglasses, unless there is a written doctor's request on doctor's office letterhead
- Hats (non baseball), toboggans, hoodies (head covering), or any other type of head covering, inside any school building during normal school hours
- Undergarments showing at any time
- Pajama attire, including house shoes
- Gauges (ear, nose, etc.) or any type of item that stretches the skin for body modification
- Eyebrow or lip piercing, No nose rings or gauges
- Bandanas worn from the waist, bell loops, pockets, or around the neck or on head
- Anything that advertises sex, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profanity, gambling, questionable or objectionable messages, unnatural acts, etc., or in the opinion of the administration, anything that in any way distracts from the learning process by word or picture
- Names and insignias that represent secret societies or gangs as described in Texas Education Code 37.121

**Any dress or grooming that, in the administration's judgment, may reasonably be expected to interfere with the normal school operations is prohibited.**

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### **Dress and Grooming (Elementary)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate.

When any questions arise or there is any doubt about appropriateness of clothing, students and parents are encouraged to consult with school officials. The support of parents and compliance by the students is essential in order to have the best possible atmosphere for learning in school.

A good rule to go by is: IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT WHAT IS APPROPRIATE DRESS— DON'T WEAR IT!

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

#### **Acceptable:**

- Hair must be neatly groomed and combed and must be out of student's face/ eyes.
- Sleeveless shirts may be worn but must be at least three fingers width at the shoulder and may not show any undergarments. They must be long enough to cover the waistband.
- Pants may have holes but students must not be able to touch skin when putting their hands down in front of or behind them or by their sides. All private areas should be completely covered at all times.
- Shorts must be long enough for students to not touch skin on their leg when putting their hands by their sides
- Leggings are acceptable if the shirt worn is long enough to completely cover the buttocks.
- Neatly groomed mustaches and facial hair are allowed.

#### **Unacceptable:**

- Mohawks or extreme hairstyles or colors that distract from the learning environment (administrator discretion)

- Sunglasses (with the exception of medically necessary lenses, prescribed by a medical doctor)
- Pajamas, including slippers
- Hats, caps, toboggans, or hoodies or any other type of head covering inside the school building
- Anything that advertises or refers to the following: Sex, Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol, Profanity, Gambling, any questionable messages as determined by administration, Names and symbols that represent secret societies or gangs as described in TEC 37.121

**Please be aware that any and all violations or perceived violations will at administrator discretion.**

#### SPECIAL CLOTHING SITUATION / EVENTS:

- 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.
- No blankets/pillows are acceptable at any time.

#### DRESS CODE VIOLATION RAMIFICATIONS:

Teachers must send students to the office for possible violations, but Principals will determine final outcome at their discretion.

- Dress code violators may be removed from class 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, administration 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 principal or superintendent or designated administrator on duty, to be out of dress code at any function, while being accompanied by 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 principal has the right at all times to regulate any attire that causes disruption or creates a hazard. Any question regarding dress code violations will be handled by the PRINCIPALS ONLY. Other school personnel may send students to the office for possible violations, but principals 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 with the intention that it will prevent missed instructional time.
2. The student will be given one warning (per year) if the principal determines that the student is in violation of the dress code. This warning will be documented and a

hard-copy of the violation(s) will be given to the student at that time. Parents will be notified.

3. Subsequent violations can result in detention and/or OCS (on campus suspension) to begin immediately upon determination of violation. Students will be responsible for all class work during their OCS placement as well as the completion of, at the principal's discretion and satisfaction, additional work. During the OCS placement, students will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular event or attend any school function.

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