

## **Dress Code, Grooming and Personal Electronics (All Grade Levels)**

The district's Dress Code, Grooming and Personal Electronic is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards.

When any questions arise or there is any doubt about appropriateness of clothing, student 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—THEN DON'T WEAR IT!

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

### **HAIR and MAKEUP:**

- All student's hair must be neatly groomed and combed. All students must have hair out of face/eyes.
- No exaggerated make-up, hair color, or hairstyles.
- Hair color must be natural colors and not exaggerated.
- Neatly groomed mustaches and facial hair are allowed.

### **ACCESSORIES:**

- Accessories must be appropriate and acceptable. (Administrator Discretion)
- No sunglasses unless tinting is required by a physician's prescription.
- Visible body piercing (other than the ears and a SMALL nose stud piercing) and related jewelry is prohibited. Prohibited areas of the body include, but are not limited to eyebrow, cheek, tongue, and lips. Band-Aids to cover jewelry or spacers are not allowed. Gauges are not allowed.
- Males may not wear earrings.
- No chains or other devices other than necklaces {no wallet chains, dog collars, etc.}.

### **TATOOS and BODY ART:**

- Tattoos and Body Art must be covered at all times.

### **TECHNOLOGY WORN OR CARRIED AS AN ACCESSARY:**

- Cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and all other electronic devices MUST be placed in a designated holding area during class (Not in pockets, backpacks, purses, etc...) If a device is taken up, it will be turned in to the office for a fee of \$15. The device must be picked up from the office by a parent/guardian.

## **HEAD COVERINGS:**

- The “Hoodie” head covering is not allowed in the building or classrooms
- Caps/Hats are not allowed in the classroom
- No Bandanas will be allowed
- A Fashion Headband to appropriately hold back hair is allowed, Sweatbands are not allowed in the school building

## **CLOTHING (GENERAL)**

- Clothing; must be appropriate and conducive to the educational environment.
- No torn, dirty, or unsuitable clothing

## **JEAN, PANTS SKIRTS and SHORTS:**

- Jeans cannot have holes

Students with holes in their jeans will be sent straight to OCS until proper attire can be attained. Holes will no longer be patched with duct tape or temporary patches.

- Leggings will only be allowed with dresses/shorts that meet dress code length.
- No sagging pants/shorts. All pants/shorts must be worn at the waist level.
- Nike fit type shorts, boxer shorts, biker shorts are not allowed. All shorts and dresses and skirts must be long enough that when a student’s arms are held down by their sides, their fingertips do not touch any skin.
- Pants of any kind must completely cover undergarments
- No blankets/pillows are acceptable at any time.

## **EMBLEMS, IMAGES, ART ON ATTIRE:**

- No pictures, emblems, or writing that implies or is lewd, vulgar, gang related, obscene, or could be construed as offensive or proves to be disruptive.
- No items that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other products, items or objects which would be in violation of laws.

## **SHIRTS, BLOUSES DRESS TOPS:**

- No see through clothing. Shirts may be worn under see through tops if the bodice is covered.
- No undergarments visible through clothing.
- No strapless clothing.
- No bare midriff tops. The midriff must be fully covered in any position.
- No cut-off shirts/any shirt that exposes the mid drift/stomach

- No racerback tops or dresses.
- Sleeveless blouses will be permitted as long as the skin is covered above the rib cage. Sleeveless shirts must be at least three fingers width and no visible skin from top of rib cage down. T-shirts with cut out sleeves are unacceptable
- No low cut or scoop neck tops that are revealing.

### **SPECIAL CLOTHING SITUATION / EVENTS:**

- Special attire and uniforms for extra-curricular activities may be worn on special occasions with administrative approval.
- Prom and Formal Dance Dress must meet criteria set forth in the special event dress code to be created by sponsor of event and approved by administration. (If there is a question regarding dress please get prior approval from the administration.)
- 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.

### **DRESS CODE VIOLATION RAMIFICATIONS:**

- Teachers may send students to the office for possible violations, but Principals will determine final outcome at their discretion.
- **Dress code violators may be placed in OCS 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**. Teachers may send students to the office for possible violations, but principals will determine 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 to 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. It is the student's responsibility to notify parent/guardian of the violation warning.**

**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. Research papers with topics consisting of, but not limited to: career choices, dress in the workplace, scholarship application, democracy, etc. During the OCS placement, students will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular event or attend any school function. It is the student's responsibility to notify parent/guardian of the OCS placement.**

**4. Repeat offenders are subject to OCS, suspension or DAEP placement.**

**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.**

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**School Authority: 1. The Texas State Constitution and Texas Education Code mandate that Texas children are 'entitled to a free and appropriate education'. 2. Further, the following court cases set precedent that allow school districts to determine dress and grooming standards: *Karr v. Schmidt*, 460 F.2d at 625; *Bethel School District v. Fraser*, 106 S.Ct.3159, 3164 (1986); *Barber v. Colorado ISD.*, 901, S.W.2d 447, 450-451 (1995).**