

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

General Dress and Grooming Guidelines:

- Excessively tight, form fitting and/or excessively baggy, loose fitting clothing is prohibited. Transparent clothing such as netting or sheer cloth may only be worn if it adheres to dress code guidelines and if it is worn over clothing that adheres to dress code guidelines.
- Clothing designed and/or intended to be worn as undergarments must be covered by outer clothing that adheres to dress code guidelines.
- Any clothing or apparel that advertises sex, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, profanity, gambling, unnatural acts, or names and insignias that represent public school fraternities, sororities, secret societies, or gangs as described in TEC 37.121 are prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes and sandals designed for beach/pool use such as "flip flops" are prohibited.
- Visible tattoos and body piercing (other than earrings for girls) is prohibited. Tattoos must be covered at all times by clothing or appropriate bandage. Other than earrings for girls, body piercing spacers and/or body piercing coverings are not allowed at any time.
- Hair must be hygienically maintained, neatly trimmed, and may not hang below the eyebrow. No exotic hair coloring, colored extensions, distracting styles such as Mohawks, or designs shaved into the hair are allowed. Faux hawks are allowable as long as the sides are tapered into the top and the top of the hair is no more than 3 inches. Male students are prohibited from wearing ponytails, buns or headbands and the hair may not extend below the earlobe or below a dress shirt collar.
- Facial hair (mustaches, beards, sideburns) is not allowed. Sideburns may not extend beyond the bottom of the earlobe.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, and other head coverings may not be worn inside the buildings.
- Tops (shirts, blouses, etc.) must be hemmed with full sleeves that cover the shoulders at all times. No holes, rips, or tears may be visible in tops. If not tucked into pants, tops must overlap the waistband of the pant when standing and sitting. Examples of prohibited tops include: tank tops, backless tops, halter tops, tops with spaghetti straps, or any top that has a low neckline.
- Pants (shorts, jeans, etc.) must be hemmed and worn at the waist. No holes, rips, or tears may be visible in pants. Pants must not drag the ground. Shorts may not exceed 2 inches above the top of the knee cap when standing. Clothing such as leggings, lycra, and spandex may only be worn as undergarments and must be covered by outer clothing that adheres to dress code guidelines.
- Jewelry (necklaces, earrings, watches, etc). Spikes and chains may not be worn as jewelry or a belt in any form. Earrings may only be worn by girls.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Dress and Grooming:

- The campus administrator, in cooperation with the sponsor/coach, shall regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the co-curricular or extra-curricular activity. Students who violate these co-curricular and extra-curricular dress and grooming standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the sponsor/coach and may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Campus administration reserves the right to determine if any current fashion of fad is appropriate for the school environment. **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.**