

Grooming Code

Our school philosophy emphasizes that education is to help the individual develop his/her potential in an atmosphere of self-discipline. The appearance and dress of any student is the primary responsibility of both the student and the parent. The careful regulation of student appearance and dress is the responsibility of the school. Student/staff health and safety, common decency, student school work, and school and classroom order are all affected by grooming and dress. This basic dress code does not infringe on student's rights of freedom of expression, but rather encourages students to "dress for success" and come to school properly prepared to participate in the education process.

In order to reduce misunderstandings, the following examples are provided, but not limited to:

1. Cleanliness of person and apparel is required.
2. The maintenance of common decency and classroom order requires adequate coverage of the person. Any clothing which reveals undergarments or the lack of undergarments will be considered inappropriate. The length of shirts and tops must be long enough to allow them, if necessary, to be tucked into the student's pants, skirt or shorts. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be of an appropriate length. Garments such as pajamas, tube skirts, tube tops, tops which reveal bare midriffs or backs, tops with plunging or revealing necklines, any see-through clothes are not permitted. Form fitting pants including but not limited to spandex/leotard/Yoga (flared or straight leg) type bottoms are not permitted without the appropriate length top. All leggings, tights/Yoga pants and hosiery must be covered to at least mid-thigh in the front and back.
3. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waistline allowing for no sagging pants. No unfastened or illuminated-sign belts will be allowed.
4. The maintenance of health and safety includes the wearing of shoes, sandals, or boots. No slippers are allowed.
5. Students may be required to wear special apparel items as required in classes, such as industrial technology, laboratories, family and consumer science and physical education.
6. Students will not be permitted to wear attire which advertises or promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, or other substances which, if used by a minor, would be illegal.
7. Any apparel, jewelry, cosmetic, make-up, notebook, supply materials or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color arrangement, trademark, or any other attitude denoting membership in a gang, advocating drug use of violence, or clothing bearing racially or sexually offensive messages, is unacceptable.
8. Clothing with paisley print and/or clothing which advertises, promotes, or via innuendo or double meaning, suggests inappropriate ideas or behavior not conducive to a positive school climate or is disruptive to the education environment of the school will not be permitted.
9. Attire that may cause personal injury or property damage is not to be worn, e.g. chains, studs, metal collars, etc. Grills are also not allowed.
10. All outerwear coats, jackets and gloves must be placed in lockers during the school day.
11. The wearing of hats, hoods, bandanas, bandanas with paisley print, or similar head apparel or non-prescription sunglasses is not allowed in the building; these items may not be worn or carried at any time during the school day.
12. Students are be required to possess **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS** from 7:15 a.m. – 2:23 p.m. and at school sponsored activities. Student ID cards will be provided to all students. Students must use the ID provided by the school. No substitute ID cards will be allowed. Students will not be allowed in a classroom, media center, cafeteria, or any other school location without an official Students are required to have an ID in order to leave the classroom and the ID must be out and visible while in the halls during instructional time. Students will be sent to the student services to purchase a replacement ID. for \$5.00.

When a student or group of students varies in actions or dress from the above dress code, a determination by administrators will be made after a conference with student and/or parents. Decisions will be based on these three points:

1. Disruptive influence for students and/or teachers
2. Health hazard
3. Safety

The following discipline guidelines will be implemented for student violations of the dress code:

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Guided Learning

Third Offense and subsequent offenses: Out of School Suspension

The Final determination regarding dress code issues/violations/consequences will be made and enforced by the administrators.