

School Dress and Grooming

Students shall dress in a manner that shows respect for the educational environment and is befitting the day's activities. Students' clothing and jewelry must not present a health or safety hazard or distraction, which would disrupt the educational mission. Disruption is defined as reactions by other individuals to the clothing or adornment, which causes the teacher/ administrator to lose the attention of the students, to modify or cease instructional activities, or to deal with student confrontations or complaints. Students failing to comply w/ dress standards will be asked to change clothing, be provided clothing to change into, or sent home until a clothing change is made.

1. Items that disrupt the educational mission shall not be allowed. Personal items such as clothing, paraphernalia, jewelry, backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc., shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignias, which are crude, vulgar, profane, violent, or sexually suggestive.

2. Items which bear advertising, promotions and likeness of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs or which are contrary to the educational mission, shall not be allowed.

3. All students shall maintain their hair, mustaches, sideburns, and beards in a clean, well-groomed manner. Hair, which is so conspicuous, extreme, odd in color or style that it draws undue attention, disrupts, or tends to disrupt or interfere with the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.

4. All students shall wear clean clothing. Clothing, jewelry, accessories and piercings which are so conspicuous, extreme, or odd that they may draw undue attention, disrupt, or tend to disrupt, interfere with or pose a health or safety issue to the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.

5. Students shall not wear clothes that are mutilated, cut off, or immodest, e.g., short shorts, mini-skirts, bare midriffs, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tank shirts, or similar clothing. Students' shirts will have sleeves that are at least capped at the shoulder. Clothing shall cover the midriff, underwear, backs, and cleavage at all times. Sheer tops must have school appropriate shirts underneath. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length or longer when seated. Skirts or shorts with leggings, tights, or nylons must still meet mid-thigh requirement.

6. Students shall comply with the laws that govern wearing military uniforms and insignias (Title 10, USC §771-772, and Army Regulation 670-1 §29-4).

7. Hats of any kind are not allowed within the building except as part of an approved activity, or for religious, or medical purposes.

8. School officials may require students to wear certain types of clothing for health or safety reasons in connection with certain specialized activities.

9. Gang-related clothing, colors, and paraphernalia shall not be allowed in schools or activities. School officials will determine what constitutes "gang" clothing, colors, and paraphernalia after consultation with law enforcement agencies as needed.

10. Shoes shall be worn at all times that ensure personal safety and hygiene.