

Dress and Grooming Code

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. While we understand students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

General Standards for Dress/Grooming:

- Shoes must be worn at all times (no wooden shower shoes, taps or house shoes). Shoes (and sandals) must be manufacture designed and securely fastened to the foot across the top of the foot and at the heel. **No flip flops will be worn; (in other words, no backless sandals).**
- Students in athletics or PE must wear closed toe shoes (tennis shoes).
- See through material/clothing is not acceptable.
- Dark glasses are not allowed unless prescribed by a doctor.
- Suggestive writings, pictures, emblems, symbols or depictions of sex, violence, blood, or gore are not permitted. If printed words on a garment can be read to be suggestive, the garment is not acceptable.
- Advertising (logos/emblems) of alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs or tobacco products will not be permitted.
- No headgear of any kind may be worn by male or female students (caps, hats, bandannas, do-rags, stocking caps, etc.) during the school day. Any headgear collected by staff will not be returned until the end of the school year.
- Bandannas, do-rags, stocking caps, etc may not be worn to school in any fashion – or at any school function.
- Earrings may not be worn by male students. Band-aids may not be used to cover earrings or any body piercing. If earrings are worn, they will be taken up and not given back until the end of the school year.
- Body, nose or tongue piercing is not permitted.
- Clothing which depicts, advertises or glorifies Satan or Satanic rites or that indicates a preoccupation with death, sadism or evil is prohibited (this includes skull heads, skeletons, etc).
- Appropriate undergarments will be worn but **must** not be visible.
- Torn clothing or clothing with unfinished edges is not acceptable.
- Gangs are not recognized by the school, therefore, shirts or any other clothing bearing gang insignias or letters are not to be worn to school or school activities.
- Pants are to be worn in normal fashion, not sagging or low on the hips. Baggy pants will not be permitted. **Pants are to “fit.”**
- No oversize clothing will be allowed.
- Pocket/Wallet Chains are not permitted.

- Students are not allowed to display or possess any items that depict or display illegal items or acts while on school grounds. Any item depicting or displaying an illegal act will be confiscated.
- Visible Tattoos are not permitted.
- Mouth grills worn over a student's teeth are not permitted.
- Cut-offs, wind shorts, pajamas, thin athletic shorts, spandex, cut-offs, lounge-type outfits or bicycle shorts are not permitted.
- Jackets and sweaters do not have to be tucked in, however, the layer look is not permissible (ex. Wearing a t-shirt and tucking it in and then wearing an open button up shirt and leaving it tucked out will not be acceptable).
- Jackets cannot be worn to cover up out of compliance clothing.
- Girls' shorts, skirts, and dresses should be worn no shorter than the bottom of the longest fingertip when the student is standing with arms extended by her side.
- Boys' shorts must be no shorter than the bottom of the longest fingertip when the student is standing with arms extended by his side.
- **Pre-K through 2nd grade students will not be required to tuck in shirts or wear a belt.**

Boys:

- All Shirts must be tucked into the pants.
- Shirts must have a sleeve.
- Appropriate clothing, including shirts must be worn at all times on the campus and at any school sponsored events.
- All bottoms with belt loops must be worn with a belt.

Girls:

- Dress tops, blouses, and shirts shall not have a low front neckline. No cleavage should be visible. Crop-tops and bare midriffs are not permitted.
- Sleeveless shirts are permitted if shoulders are completely covered and shirt sides (shirt arm holes) go up to the armpit.
- T-Shirts and tops that are designed to be tucked in shall be.
- All bottoms with belt loops must be worn with a belt.

Standards for hair:

- Boys contribute to good grooming by keeping conventional haircuts, which is to be understood as no lower than the eyebrows, not extending below the ear lobe or on the conventional stand up collar, and all neatly trimmed.
- Boy's hair should not reach below the top of the collar when combed down. Students may not exceed the length specified regardless of whether the

hair is pinned or otherwise fastened up. Boys hair styles are not to exceed more than three inches out from the scalp.

- Mustaches and beards are not permitted. Sideburns are not to be lower than the ear lobes. Notching of the eyebrows is not permitted.
- Braids will be allowed as long as the length does not extend below the conventional stand up collar and neatly trimmed (Boys).
- “Tails” of any kind are not permitted.
- Unnatural colored (e.g. blue, purple, green, pink) hairstyles are not allowed.
- No designs are to be shaved into the hair.
- Girls need to keep hair neat, clean and out of the eyes

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates our dress and grooming standards, she or he will be placed in in-school suspension until she or he is in compliance. We will make efforts to notify you as soon as possible, and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, she or he will return to regular classes immediately.