

DRESS CODE

The District has determined that appropriate dress and grooming positively impacts the learning environment. The following dress and grooming provisions are established to instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and to provide and maintain a safe, secure, and stable school climate.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

All students must conform to the dress code requirements.



Student Dress Code

for

Pre-Kinder through
12th Grade

2009-2010

School Year

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These rules apply to all District campuses and facilities and to any location off-campus where District students are receiving classroom instruction (e.g. official class field trips, internships, or other programs hosted outside the District.)

Shorts and skirts are permitted from Pre-kinder thru 8th grade only. They must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Skirts, dress or jumpers must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Skirts may have a slit/pleat which opens no longer than 3 inches above the knee. Skirts must be worn at the waist. If a skirt has belt loops, a belt must be worn. Skirts or shorts which are shorter than 3 inches above the knee may not be worn over tights or hosiery.

Appropriate footwear must be worn; footwear that has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is specifically prohibited. Students are also prohibited from wearing house slippers, flip-flops, beach sandals, or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them, or other footwear that constitutes a safety hazard. Colored shoe-laces, checks, stripes, lettering, wording or designs on socks hosiery or tights, fish-net hosiery are prohibited.

Headwear to include but not limited to bandanas, caps, hats, head-bands shall not be worn unless approved by the Principal. Hoods are not to be worn on the head inside the building.

Any clothing that causes distraction is prohibited. Distractive apparel to include but not limited to, tank-tops, tube-tops, muscle shirts, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs are prohibited. See-through garments without a shell or shirt worn under the garments are prohibited. Students must wear sufficient undergarments.

Clothing that is torn, ripped, frayed or cut are prohibited. All clothing must be appropriately sized (cannot be oversized or undersized). All shirts and undershirts must be tucked in at all times.

Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene or inflammatory (e.g. alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, drugs gangs, etc.) are prohibited. Clothing with patches, emblems or drawing that cause disruption are also prohibited.

Oversized clothing shall not be worn to school during normal hours. Apparel to include but not limited to, "baggy" or "sagging" pants are prohibited. All pants are to be worn at the waist. Tight fitting pants (e.g. tight, bicycle pants or spandex) are prohibited. Sweatpants, wind pants, pants or shorts with drawstrings, warm-ups, overalls, pajamas, or pajama-like clothing are prohibited.

Belts must be put through the belt loops on the pants and must be worn from 3rd grade through 12th grade. Over-sized buckles (no larger than a credit card), chain or metal belts, lettering on belts or buckles, and stripes, checks or designed on belts are prohibited.

Dangling key rings and chains will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to chains attached to wallets, footwear, backpacks, or worn as a belt.

Body piercing jewelry is prohibited except for rings, studs, or other traditional jewelry worn on ear. Tongue rings and tongue studs are prohibited. "Grills" or temporary decorations on teeth are prohibited.

Boys may wear mustaches and facial hair as long as they are neat and groomed.

Hair must be cleaned and neatly combed and styled in such a manner that is not distracting.

No gang-related attire will be permitted. This will be designated by individual campuses.

Outwear

For purposes of maintaining school safety, long coats extending below mid-thigh, including but not limited to, trench coats, shall not be permitted. Coats must not be oversized and maintain the visibility requiring uniform components, if applicable.

Extracurricular Activities

The Principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standard established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series].

Special Days or Events

The campus principal has the authority to allow all or part of the student body at the campus to vary from the dress code requirements for special occasion days or for particular school-sponsored activities.

Special Needs Students

Students who have special needs may apply for a waiver from the stated guidelines. Waivers will be evaluated and approved by the building principal.