

## **DRESS AND GROOMING**

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:

- Cutoffs, biker shorts are not permitted.
- Shorts must be fingertip length or longer.
- No bare midriffs.
- Excessive cleavage, as measured by the width of the palm of the hand when placed horizontally below the collarbone, is not permitted.
- No undershirts, tops with large armholes, halter-tops or spaghetti straps.
- Transparent, fishnet or jersey garments may only be worn with appropriate shirts underneath.
- Oversized or excessively baggy shirts are not permitted. Length of shirts, including the shirt-tails must not exceed fingertip length.
- Pants must be properly pulled up and neat in appearance. Pants must be worn at the waistline.
- Belt buckles must be buckled.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. No house shoes.
- No hats, caps, hairnets or other form of head covering shall be worn on campus during school hours.
- Bandanas are not permitted.
- Ear piercing is the only visible body piercing allowed. Other visible body piercing is not permitted.
- Earrings, necklaces or other jewelry and accessories that depict guns, drugs, gangs, or any subject deemed inappropriate are not permitted.
- No clothing with obscene messages. Clothing must not advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or be associated with gangs.
- Clothes or hats with crude or vulgar language or that are ethnically or sexually offensive, are not permitted.
- Sunglasses inside the building are not permitted.
- Dresses and skirts must be fingertip length or longer.
- Chains are not permitted.
- Distracting haircuts and hair color that is not a natural human color are not permitted.

Clothing that needs to be adjusted (i.e. pulled up or down) in order to be in compliance with the dress code is not acceptable.

This code of dress and grooming will be met by all participants in all school activities. The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. If students do not follow these guidelines, they will be sent home and may return when they are properly dressed. The student's dress and grooming shall not lead school officials to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere, disturb, or detract from school, and shall not create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or the safety of others.

The policy governing campus dress and grooming shall be enforced uniformly and fairly by the faculty and administration. It shall be the responsibility of the professional staff to determine the appropriateness of dress for all school occasions. **The school District cannot anticipate every style change, thus each campus administrator has the authority to interpret the violation of these policies.** The general policy will be to notify the parent(s) of the student considered to be dressing or making up improperly. The principal will take disciplinary action suiting the offense. Such action may include: a conference, demerits, In-School Suspension, DAEP, suspension from school, or expulsion (in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.) If a parent cannot be contacted, the student will be kept at school, but may not be permitted to attend his/her regularly scheduled classes.