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DRESS AND GROOMING

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Responsibility for the dress and appearance of students generally rests with individual students and their families. Students may wish to express themselves by the manner of their dress and appearance; however, students shall not wear clothing or affect an appearance at school or school-sanctioned activities or events that are or may be disruptive to the educational environment. The District's standards on student attire are intended to help students focus on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. Subject to approval, principals, working with their school community, may establish additional specific standards for their schools. Any such standards must be published and distributed to families.

Dress and personal appearance of students should be a positive reflection on the family, student, school, and community. A good rule of thumb: if there is a question about whether an outfit would be acceptable, choose a different outfit. Ultimately, school leadership reserves the right to determine if the dress code is being violated.

The following guidelines are to be followed:

A. All students shall be properly groomed and attired appropriately to the activity when on school property or participating in school-sponsored events.
B. Students should have a school ID in their possession while on campus, and present their school ID to staff upon request.
C. Students shall be dressed so they will not present a clear danger to health and safety. Clothing should be tailored in such a manner that because of fit, design, color, texture, or inadequate coverage of the body does not create a classroom or school disruption as determined by the administration, or expose inappropriate areas of the body while in normal activity.

Permitted Apparel

A. Shorts, dresses, or skirts should come to the middle thigh or longer. If leggings are worn with the above-mentioned clothing items, then the top layer of clothing (shorts, dress, skirt, etc.) MUST come to the middle thigh or longer.
B. Pants and shorts should be worn at the waistline without the necessity of support whether a shirt is tucked in or out and fastened at the top closure. Belts will be buckled at all times if worn.
C. Jeans/Pants that have frays/holes above the middle thigh must have something underneath them, such as leggings that cover the skin, so as not to expose skin or undergarments.
D. Shirts must cover the shoulder and not expose undergarments in any manner or any part of the torso.
E. The neckline of a shirt must limit exposure of the body.
F. Footwear of some type must be worn at ALL times.

Non-Permitted Apparel

A. Apparel or personal items may not have imagery regarding drugs or alcohol, indecent remarks, tobacco slogans or advertisements, or display violence or sexually suggestive imagery.
B. Sleepwear, such as bedroom slippers, pajamas, etc.

C. Tank tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, mesh/see-through shirts, sheer-tops or bottoms.
D. Head coverings -unless approved by the administration.
E. Any apparel or accessory determined by the administration to present a safety hazard for the student or the school. (ski masks, gaiters, or other face coverings and sunglasses unless permitted outside of buildings or medically necessary)

Costumes and Costume Accessories

The wearing of costumes or costume accessories, including but not limited to animal ears, tails, masks, or other items intended to imitate animal features, is strictly prohibited during the regular school day. Such items shall not be worn on school grounds during school hours unless expressly authorized in advance by the school principal for designated spirit days, school-sponsored events, or other approved special occasions. All approved attire must comply with district dress code requirements and applicable safety standards.

Disciplinary action for violation of the student dress code shall include notifying the student of the violation and a requirement that the dress or appearance be corrected before the student reenters the classroom, school environment, or school-sanctioned activity or event. An administrator will determine the suitability of attire in question as it reflects the spirit of the dress code policy. Students found to be in violation of dress code policy will have the following options; 1) change into appropriate school provided dress for the remainder of the day, 2) change into their own appropriate dress for the remainder of the day, or 3) be assigned to the in-school suspension class for the remainder of the day or until a proper outfit can be brought for the student. At the discretion of the building level administrator, a family conference may be held. More serious consequences may result from repeated or serious violations.

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