

Student Dress

The Board expects student dress and grooming to be neat, clean and of good taste so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the school. The dress code creates in students a renewed sense of seriousness regarding school and school activities and should be followed on campus, at school activities and on school buses. Its purpose is to emphasize that school is the student's place of work and that respect for other members of society and oneself places some restrictions on the nature of dress and grooming.

It is a mark of maturity when students can freely choose apparel that demonstrates individuality without deviating from the standard of appropriateness. Student dress and grooming will be the responsibility of the individual and his/her parents within the following guidelines:

1. Dress and grooming will be clean and in keeping with health, sanitary and safety requirements.
2. Students must wear acceptable footwear at all times.
3. No chains or spiked or studded jewelry may be worn.
4. Metal chains or swags are not acceptable.
5. Hats, caps, bandannas, hoods, dew rags, wave caps, or other non-therapeutic headgear are not to be worn in the school building. These items also may not be displayed hanging from belt, waistband or pocket.
6. Students shall not wear clothing or accessories bearing the following messages:
 - a. Obscene or profane statements or pictures;
 - b. Statements advocating immoral, illegal, sexual or violent behavior;
 - c. Statements advertising, promoting or picturing alcohol, tobacco or drugs;
 - d. Language or symbolism (including, but not limited to, swastikas, rebel flags, the occult or gang affiliation.)
7. Students shall not wear clothing that shows any of the following:
 - a. Boxers/Briefs/Underwear
 - b. Bras
 - c. Back
 - d. Belly/Stomach/Midriff
 - e. Backside/Butt/Bottom
 - f. Breast/Chest
 - g. Bare/Nearly Bare Shoulders
8. Dress and grooming will not be such as to disrupt the teaching/learning process or cause undue attention to an individual student in that it substantially disrupts the school environment.
9. Class activities that present a concern for student safety may require the student to adjust his/her hair and/or clothing during the class period in the interest of maintaining safety standards.
10. Additional dress regulations may be imposed upon students participating in certain extracurricular activities.
11. Regulations may be altered according to special school sponsored activities.

If, in the opinion of the administrators, any clothing or accessories are worn by students in violation of this policy, the students will be required to change or cover said clothing, or remove said accessories, or will be sent home to do so. Refusal to change or cover said clothing or accessories will result in the students not being allowed to attend class until they have complied with this policy. Violations will be addressed in accordance with the Student Behavioral Expectations and Guidelines. (*Board Policy 2651*)