

## 2011-2012 Dress Code

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**DRESS CODE** The District's Dress Code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Campus administrators are charged with enforcing the Dress Code. Administrators will use their professional judgment in determining whether attire is distracting or causes a disruption of or interferes with the normal school operations, whether or not that attire is listed below.

The provisions of the dress and grooming code are enforced at school and at school-sponsored activities. The District encourages students, with the supervision of their parents, to maintain high standards of dress, grooming, and personal appearance.

Student dress and grooming should meet the following standards:

**Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests, Jackets:**

- No tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti strap tops, backless, large armholes or off the shoulder tops.
- No low necklines (which reveal too much cleavage).
- No see-through, too tight, mesh shirts.
- Tops must meet the beltline, and must not reveal undergarments or skin.
- No tops that are too tight such as spandex/lycra.
- No full-length jackets and coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench coats" or "dusters".

**Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts, Capris:**

- All of the items listed above must be at or below the middle of the thigh. School sponsored uniforms (cheerleading, dance teams, etc.) are exempt from the mentioned length guidelines.
- No shorts, skirts, or skorts that sag or that are too tight.
- Nothing too tight such as spandex/lycra (such as biker shorts).

**Pants, Jeans:**

- Pants, jeans or skirts that do not fit at the waist, that cause a safety concern, and/or disrupt the educational process are *not* permitted.
- Students are not to wear jeans that are torn or have holes in them in inappropriate areas (using standards that are applied to shorts, skorts, and skirts).
- No pajama wear, of any type unless approved by campus administration.

**Shoes**

- Footwear shall be worn at all times
- No shoes with wheels may be worn.
- No house slippers.
- Tennis shoes (rubber sole, closed toe and heel) are to be worn during P.E. For safety reasons, shoes such as flip flops, boots, crocs, sandals, etc. are not permitted during P.E.
- At the elementary level, it is recommended that flip-flops not be worn during recess.

**Hair:**

- Student's hair shall be clean, neat and well groomed in appearance.
- Facial hair (beards, sideburns and mustaches) shall be clean, maintained and well groomed in appearance.
- Hair is to be worn so that the eyes are visible.

**Headgear:**

- Hats, caps, sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, doo-rags, hoods and other headgear shall not be worn inside campus buildings without administrative approval.

**DRESS CODE****Body Piercing:**

- No visible body piercing. Ear Piercing is allowed.

**Eyewear:**

- No sunglasses shall be worn in building.

**Additional Information:**

- Clothing featuring pictures, emblems, writings, or slogans that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, provocative, or that convey hate messages or racially or religiously or ethnically demeaning messages may not be worn.
- No dress or grooming shall create a health or other hazard to a student's safety or the safety of others.
- No metal-studded collars, choker chains, armbands, wristbands, chains and/or other metal-studded clothing are permitted.
- No clothing intended to be worn as under garments may be worn as outer garments.
- No school attire should ever be suggestive, indecent, or obscene, offensive or risqué in its writing or drawing.
- No item worn to school may advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited under Board Policy, weapons, bombs, illegal acts, violence or anything that could be construed as provocative or offensive.
- No extremes in any type of clothing, footwear, make-up or jewelry will be permitted.
- No costumes are allowed unless approved by administration.
- No attire that is distracting or causes a disturbance or identifies, condones, depicts or promotes a student as part of an unauthorized group, such as a gang\*.
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional standards. The sponsor or coach will distribute additional guidelines to participants.

*\*For more information about what constitutes a gang, please contact your campus administrator or local law enforcement.*