
Dress Code for Secondary Students (Grades 6-12)

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions, and minimize safety hazards. The District reserves the right to alter the dress code rules as deemed necessary to respond to unexpected changes in fashion in order to maintain an orderly environment conducive to learning. Students are subject to the same rules of dress and grooming at all school sponsored events. The principal shall have the authority to decide whether any new style, trend, or fad in grooming not specified in the handbook violates the campus dress code. Violations of the dress code can have disciplinary consequences ranging from in-school suspension for a single violation to more serious disciplinary action for repeated violations.

Rule A: The district prohibits clothing that displays pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, inappropriate, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, and/or any other substances prohibited under policy FNCF(L). Students will properly wear their clothes and comply with the following:

School Appropriate Tops: Shirts and blouses can be short or long-sleeved, and T-shirts will be allowed (but cannot violate Rule A). Oversized shirts that fall below the mid-thigh, or undersized shirts that reveal the midriff, are not allowed. No tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs or chest, see-through outfits, backless, spaghetti straps, strapless, or beachwear will be allowed. No low-cut shirts or blouses, and no sleeveless shirts which expose undergarments.

Outerwear / Shoes: Jackets, outerwear, and hoodies may be worn (but cannot violate Rule A), but hoods will not be worn in the building. Students may wear shoes that include tennis shoes, boots (no steel toe), casual shoes, and dressy shoes. Inappropriate shoes include, but are not limited to: house/pajama shoes, costume shoes, slides, and flip flops.

School Appropriate Bottoms: Students may wear jeans, slacks, khakis, shorts, capris, and athletic pants. Pajamas, tightly fitted sweat pants, leggings, and tights are not allowed. Appropriate school bottoms will not have any holes that reveal skin or distracting patches on them. Frays are allowed but must be covered. Skirts, shorts, and dresses may not be shorter than 3" above the knees. All bottoms must fit appropriately and be worn at the waist at all times; undergarments may not show.

Jewelry/Accessories: Students will not be allowed to have any type of visible body piercing, rings, openers, clear spacers, or studs. No hazardous or inappropriate jewelry shall be worn. The only exception to this is that students will be permitted to wear earrings; however, no more than three earrings and/or studs may be worn and may only be worn in the ear. No visible tattoos. Sunglasses will not be worn inside the school building other than prescription dark glasses. And no blankets or throw blankets may be use or carried on campus.

Grooming: Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. No shocking hair colors will be permitted: green, blue, pink, maroon, bright red, purple, orange, yellow, and white, will not be permitted. Any hairstyle that may be distracting in the classroom will be subject to the administrator's decision. Students may not have designs or symbols shaved or cut into their hair. With respect to facial hair, boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times.

Hats, Bandanas, Hair Nets and Sweatbands: Bandanas and hair nets are not permitted on school property or sponsored events. Students may not wear caps, hats, or other head coverings on school property except at outside events, such as football games (*but cannot violate Rule A*). If worn inside any school-related building, the cap, hat, or other head covering will be confiscated and disciplinary action, as set forth below, will result.

Dress Standards for Special Occasions: Dress code for special occasions such as homecoming, prom, commencement, and the athletic banquet will be communicated by the sponsors and the administration to parents and students. Dresses shall be appropriate in length by not exceeding 3 inches above the knee, and shall not be strapless, backless, or have a revealing slit on the upper thigh.

Disciplinary Consequences: If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

DAEP:

Students placed in D.A.E.P. will be required to wear a plain (white, gray, or maroon) polo shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes. Students not in compliance will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school by asking the parent, guardian, or designee to bring an acceptable change of clothing to school. Failure to meet this requirement will be considered a violation of the student code of conduct and will result in the extension of the number of days added to placement agreement.

Exceptions to the Dress Code

Students may have certain beliefs or conditions that would qualify for an exception to provisions within the dress code. All requests for an exception should be provided to the campus administrator for determination.

