

STUDENT APPEARANCE

While the district realizes that the primary responsibility for appearance rests with the students and their parents, the staff and administration reserve the right to determine what is acceptable and what is not. The policy and procedures related to appropriate appearance are intended to establish an understanding that the school is a workplace and that what may be appropriate outside the school may not be appropriate in school.

There is a strong connection between performance, conduct, and appearance. Students and staff who are appropriately dressed and well groomed appear ready to perform in a positive and professional manner. Students are expected to wear clothing that complies with standards of appropriateness, cleanliness, health, and safety and is reasonable and appropriate. It is expected that the following guidelines will be followed.

- Shoes are required at all times.
- Any attire or accessories that promote products that are illegal for use by minors (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or related products) is not acceptable.
- Clothing with words or pictures that display explicit or inferred sexual material, profanity, lewd sayings, or violence will not be worn in school.
- Any articles with words or pictures or pictures that are derogatory, discriminating, or harassing to any protected class are not accepted in school.

The following are considered to be inappropriate and unacceptable.

- Clothing or accessories that are dangerous or could be used as weapons (chains and studded collars).
- Hats, caps, bandanas, or any other item or headgear not intended to be worn inside a building, with the exception of headgear worn for religious or health purposes.
- Exposed underwear or ripped/torn clothing that exposes undergarments.
- Back-less tops, tube tops, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, strapless tops, or tops with spaghetti straps.
- Exposed midribs – the bottom of the shirt/blouse must meet the top of the pant/skirt/shorts.

- Clothing that exposes navels, upper or lower buttocks.
- Bib overalls with sports bras exposed.
- Articles of clothing that may be gang related.
- Any other types of clothing not listed but found to be offensive to students or staff is not to be worn.

The staff is empowered to enforce this policy and the related procedures at the classroom level and with the least disruption to the educational environment as possible. Students who do not meet the standards established by this policy will be asked to change into appropriate attire. There will be clothing available in the nurse's office for student use. Any student refusing to comply, being disrespectful, belligerent or insubordinate, or found to be a habitual violator will be sent to their principal who will determine appropriate consequences. Any absence from class due to the student's refusal to comply with this policy will be counted as an unexcused absence.

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