Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Students should not wear clothes that are so revealing in length or design, exposing undergarments or any portion of private regions, including cleavage, midriff, or in such a state of disrepair as to distract from the educational environment.

- Students are cautioned that there will be no:
    - Halter tops,
    - Off-the-shoulder shirts,
    - Fishnet, lace, transparent, or see-through type shirts, unless it is worn with a 2-inch wide undershirt,
    - Transparent or see-through bottoms,
    - Bare midriff tops, tops, or dresses with extreme necklines, and
    - Dresses with high slits.

- Tight-fitting pants like yoga pants or jeggings are permitted with a shirt, shorts, jacket, or dress that covers the hips or below.

- Long shorts and skirts are permitted, provided they are appropriately sized, fitted, and no higher than fingertip length. No biker shorts.

- Hoodies and sweatshirts must be appropriately sized. Hoods are not to be worn at school.

- Sleeveless shirts must cover the entire top of the shoulder and be fitted under the arm.

- Pants and jeans must fit properly and be worn at the natural waist. Jeans, pants, and shirts will have no tears, holes, or rips of any kind higher than fingertip length. Frayed areas in jeans are permitted above the knee if no skin is visible.

- Boys and girls must maintain moderate hairstyles that are clean and groomed. Drastic alterations to hair that would obstruct the view of the students or the teacher are not permitted. Inappropriate designs cut in hair will not be permitted.

- Facial hair is permitted but must be kept clean and well-groomed.

- Tennis shoes, boots, sandals, or any closed-toe shoe with smooth soles are appropriate for school (No house shoes, shower shoes, flip flops, cleats, or shoes with wheels).

- Students are permitted to wear any facial jewelry, as long as it does not interrupt the educational process.

- No visible inappropriate tattoos are allowed. If a student does have an inappropriate tattoo, it must be covered at all times.

- Any form of knife (including a pocket knife) is not permitted in school buildings.

- Hats, caps, and sunglasses are not permitted inside all school buildings or portable building areas where classrooms are located. Except for special occasions, hats, caps, bandanas, head coverings, including athletic uniform caps, will not be allowed at school. These items will be confiscated and returned the first time at the end of the day. If taken up more than once, the item will be kept in the office until the end of the school year.

- No wheeled backpacks are allowed anywhere other than the gym hallway and locker room. No athletic gear in the hallways, such as baseball bats, etc.

- No blankets, pillow pets, or pillows at school except on special occasions.

- Pictures, emblems, logos, or writing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or suggest “dual” meanings tied to the above areas, including grotesque figures that imply horror, death, killings, or crime, are prohibited. Any depiction of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or prohibited substances is prohibited. Any clothing considered gang-related will not be permitted.

- 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.

- Exceptions to the dress code will be addressed on an individual basis at the discretion of the Principal.