

## **DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)**

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

### **Dress and Grooming**

Our schools are respectful learning communities and students should dress appropriately for school. Dress codes are based on:

- 1) Safety
- 2) Distraction from the learning mission
- 3) Social norms

The following guidelines can help students and parents determine what is appropriate and what will be expected on our campuses.

#### **1. Safety**

- a. Students will not wear clothing or accessories that could be used to harm another. Examples include chains and steel toed boots.
- b. Students will not wear clothing or accessories that are in any way associated with prohibited substances (drugs, alcohol, tobacco), gangs, or cults. That includes words, images, and bandanas.

#### **2. Distraction from the learning mission**

- a. Dyed hair and piercings have become common in society, however, extreme cases may be deemed by school officials as a distraction from learning.
- b. It is a distraction and against social norms to expose any area of the body from just below the collarbones down through the mid thighs. Clothing should not be revealing or so tight that these areas are delineated.
- c. Undergarments including bras, undershirts, boxers, undershorts, and underwear should not be visible.

#### **3. Social Norms**

- a. Hats and sunglasses are accepted in society, but hats cannot be used to hide one's face and teachers who want hats removed in their classrooms are to be respected. Students may have sunglasses on them for outside the building use in extreme sunlight, however there is no reason to wear sunglasses inside the school buildings.

School officials have the right to determine if clothing or grooming is inappropriate and may send home or request a clothing change for students who violate safety, social norms, or are distracting to the learning process.

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