Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Certain programs such as CTE classes, athletics, or other extracurricular activities may have additional or higher standards of dress code that students must abide by. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- 1. Hair coloring will be of natural coloring.
- 2. Students shall be clean shaven. Mustaches are permitted but must be neatly trimmed.
- 3. Dresses, skirts, all split garments, and shorts must meet fingertip length requirements all around to prevent inappropriate exposure whether sitting, standing, or performing other normal school activities.
- 4. Shorts must be designed for outerwear. Walking shorts and skorts are examples or styles that are normally permitted. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at a minimum of fingertip length all the way around. Holes in jeans are permitted but can be no higher than the end of the fingertips.

Examples of inappropriate and unapproved choices of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, or hairstyle may include but are not limited to:

- 1. Sunglasses, hats, caps, head coverings, bandanas, or headbands not intended for the purpose of holding hair.
- 2. Trench coats, coveralls, blankets, or other garments which conceal the entire body.
- 3. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, racerback, open back, off the shoulder, low-cut clothing, exposed midriffs, sides and/or under garments.
- 4. Hairstyles or makeup that disrupt the educational environment. Hair shall be clean, well groomed, and not covering the eyes.
- 5. Obscene language or symbols, gang related, or gang affiliated, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, vaping, alcohol or narcotics on clothing, jewelry, or exposed body parts.
- 6. Excessively loose or baggy clothing.
- 7. Tops and shirts worn with leggings or tight-fitting pants must cover the hip and buttocks area at all times.
- 8. Any accessory or clothing article deemed gang related as determined by the school administration.
- 9. Not to be worn are wind shorts, running shorts, short shorts, boxer shorts, compression shorts or pants, gloves, or mittens.
- 10. Nose septum, eyebrow, tongue, other facial and lip piercings are not allowed. Face and neck tattoos are not allowed. Only nose and ear piercings are allowed.
- 11. Footwear will always be worn. House shoes are not permitted.
- 12. Inappropriate or unapproved items may be confiscated.

Final decisions on the appropriateness of school dress rest with the campus administration.

If campus administration 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 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.

Students who wish to argue with administration concerning the administrator's decision, will be considered insubordinate and may be disciplined as such.

The administration team, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the administration team or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

If the administration team 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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the administration team will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.