

High School and Middle School

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. In order to ensure that all students are appropriately dressed and represent their school and community in a positive manner, a Student Appearance and Grooming policy has been established. It is the responsibility of parents to see that students attend school within the district's dress code policy. At any time during the school year, the campus principal may prohibit any grooming practice, article of clothing, or accessory including emblems or logos, that is determined to be a safety concern or distraction. The principal may determine the definition of various articles of clothing (i.e. pants, sleeves, etc.) with acknowledgement of fashion. **The final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the campus principal.**

Medina Valley students will use the following standards when dressing for school:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All clothing will fit properly.
2. Clothing will be clean. Rips, tears, frays, and holes with patches are acceptable as long as skin does not show through.
3. Clothing will be non-revealing. Undergarments must not show.
4. Students will practice personal hygiene.
5. Visible tattoos are not allowed.
6. Students may not wear clothing that advertises drugs, depicts scenes of grotesque violence, images of death, sex, alcohol, or tobacco. No article of clothing or accessory may display any obscene, profane, or vulgar statements or signs/symbols.
7. Additional dress code requirements may apply according to specialty courses (i.e. ag, shop, science, athletics, etc.)

To assist the student and parent with choosing school attire, the following are standards of dress:

SHIRTS

- All shirts must extend below the waistline.
- All shirts must have sleeves (material that extends past the seam at the shoulder). Undergarments must not show. Blouses with cold shoulders are permissible provided undergarments do not show.
- No spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder tops, or tank tops are allowed.
- If any item of clothing or color of shirt is deemed to be a symbol of gang affiliation, etc., the principal reserves the right to impose a restriction of that item.

PANTS

- Pants are to be worn at the waistline. Sagging pants are not permitted.
- Leggings may be worn only if worn with a top that reaches mid-thigh length. Sheer tights or leggings are not permitted. Leggings with mesh below mid-thigh length are acceptable.

SHORTS

- Mid-thigh or longer shorts are acceptable.

SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer.

OUTER WEAR

- Oversized outerwear, trench coats, and dusters are not allowed.
- Jackets (or clothing) with spikes, large studs, or chains are not permitted.
- Pocket chains are not permitted.

SHOES

- Shoes must be worn.
- House shoes or slippers are not allowed.

HAIR

- Hair should be well-groomed.
- Must be a natural color, with no unusually shaved areas. Mohawks are not permitted.
- Hair must not cover the eyes (continually sweeping hair to the side is not acceptable).
- Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear.
- All students must be clean-shaven. Students who need to shave will be provided a razor and shaving cream to do so. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary consequences. Students who have a doctor's prescription against shaving must have this documentation on file in the Nurse's office. This form must have the doctor's signature and designate the duration of the exemption. Students who cannot shave are required to maintain neat grooming to the maximum extent possible. Partial shaving will void the medical exemption.

ACCESSORIES

- Body piercings are not permitted. Ear piercings are allowed for females only. Gauges are not permitted.
- Bandanas are not permitted and may not be worn or displayed. Exceptions may be made at the principal's discretion.
- Students are not permitted to wear any head coverings in the school building. This includes beanies, caps, etc., and applies to both boys and girls.
- Students are not permitted to wear sunglasses in the school building.
- Natural-colored nonprescription colored contacts are permitted.
- Makeup must be natural or flesh toned shades.

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 will 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. Students may not leave campus in order to correct a dress code violation. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.