

Dress and Grooming

It is recognized that parents bear primary responsibility for setting standards for their children's dress and grooming. However, because of health and safety factors, because of the influence of dress and grooming on students' attitudes and behavior, and because of the need to prevent disruptive influences and preserve the academic environment of the school, student dress and grooming are proper concerns of teachers and administrators, as well. Student attire and grooming shall not distract, disrupt, create a safety hazard, or take away from the learning process. Appropriate dress and personal grooming by each student for all school activities shall reflect the high standard of the school District and community and not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgement may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. 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 with no rips or tears above the knee.
- 3.Clothing will be non-revealing and exhibit modesty in styling.
- 4.Undergarments must be worn appropriately and not be visible.
- 5.Students will practice personal hygiene.
- 6.Visible tattoos and/or body piercing are not allowed.
- 7.Students may not wear clothing that advertises drugs, sex, alcohol, or tobacco.

No article of clothing or accessory may display any obscene, profane or vulgar statements or signs/symbols. This includes depiction of weapons, scenes of grotesque violence, or images of death. 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. To assist the student and parent with choosing school attire, the following are standards of dress:

SHIRTS

- All shirts must have sleeves (material that extends past the seam at the shoulder). Undergarments must not show. No spaghetti straps or tank tops are allowed.
- All shirts must extend below the waistline. Plain white t-shirts may not be worn except as an undershirt. Additionally, 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 / SHORTS / SKIRTS / DRESSES

- Full-length jeans, pants, and capris are to be worn at the waistline.
- Pants that sag or are worn below the waistline will not be allowed.
- Shorts are acceptable provided they are worn at the waistline and extend at least mid-thigh.
- Skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer.
- Tights or 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.

SHOES

- Shoes must be worn.
- House shoes, shower shoes, flip-flops or slippers may not be worn.
- Shoes should be appropriate for PE and playground.

HAIR

- Hair should be well-groomed.
- Must be a natural color, with no unusually shaved areas including designs shaved into the hair. Mohawks are not permitted.
- Hair must not cover the eyes. (Continually sweeping to the side is not acceptable.)

ACCESSORIES

- Body piercings are not permitted. Ear piercings are allowed for females only. Gauges are not permitted.
- Makeup is prohibited. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the campus principal.
- Bandanas are prohibited. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the campus principal.
- 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.

VIOLATIONS

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. A student who repeatedly disregards the dress and grooming code shall be declared insubordinate and shall be subject to appropriate discipline procedures in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.