

Adoption Date: September 2, 1997

Revision Date(s): 4/2/01, 8/2/21, 7/24/24

STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is the intent to permit students to dress according to current fashions and at the same time restricts extremes and indecencies which distract, disrupt the main purpose of the education program. Due to the relationship between one's appearance and behavior, students must be dressed in reasonable and modest appropriate attire that will not cause distraction or disruption. Any attire which disrupts the educational process is prohibited. The student dress code applies at school, on school vehicles, and to participants at school-sponsored or authorized activities.

This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, families, and staff; and it applies to students' dress while they are at school or school events during the day and while attending school activities outside of the regular school day. Allowances will be made for outdoor events that may necessitate a head covering as protection from the elements.

A) Minimum Requirements:

- 1) Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to the upper thighs. Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be below the pocket area of jeans or pants.
- 2) Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment. Exceptions will be made for medical issues.
- 3) See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath or overtop that meets the minimum requirements of the dress code.
- 4) Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious or medical reasons approved by school administration.
- 5) Specialized courses and activities may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

B) Additional Requirements:

- 1) Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances.
- 2) Clothing may not depict, imply, or convey crude, vulgar, profane, violent, deadly oriented, pornographic, nudity, sexually explicit or suggestive messages.
- 3) Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
- 4) Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.
- 5) Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building. Medical exceptions will apply to this prohibition.
- 6) Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
- 7) Apparel, jewelry, accessories, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited. Tattoos which display a known gang within the school district will remain covered at school and school events.

The administration at each school reserves the right to enforce this policy. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress code appropriate clothing.

Exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of the building principal as there may be clothing, or accessories not specifically addressed herein that are so disruptive to the education process that the principal may need to take immediate corrective action

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §6-114 (C)