



## **DRESS CODE**

All students are required to present themselves in an orderly manner, conducive to the advancement of education. Appearance should be neat and appropriate for the instructional setting. Items that are disruptive or could cause situations that would diminish the safety of students will be prohibited.

Students and parents/guardians will be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of each school year and whenever these standards are revised. Students in violation of the dress code will receive a warning and parents will be notified. Students will be required to change or wear attire provided by the school. Repeat violators will receive consequences according to the school assertive discipline plan as appropriate for defiance of school rules.

The following specific guidelines shall be used to determine appropriate dress:

### **Gang-Related Apparel**

Gang-related apparel is strictly prohibited. "Apparel" includes, but is not limited to, hats, jewelry, belt buckles, bandannas, hair nets, insignias, exposed tattoos, colors, paraphernalia, and professional sports jerseys or logos that indicate an affiliation with a group or gang which may provoke others to act violently or be intimidated. This may include, but is not limited to, logos of the Las Vegas Raiders, Los Angeles apparel, or any kind of the number "13."

A list of specific, prohibited "gang-related apparel" will be developed and maintained in continued consultation with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The list of prohibited gang-related apparel may be revised from time to time as deemed necessary and must be limited to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if worn or displayed on a school campus.

### **Appropriate Dress - General**

- Tops/ Shirts/ Blouses must be appropriate for school by covering the midriff of the student's body from two inches above the waistline to the top of the armpits. Tops must have at least one shoulder strap to prevent tops from slipping down or being pulled. Here are some great ways students accomplish this: wear a halter top (strap loops around the neck), spaghetti straps/camisole, or bralette underneath your desired top, or wear a hoodie or shirt over the desired top. Bra straps are not a substitute for a strap. Bralettes, however, look like tank tops so we will allow this. Students may not wear backpacks to give the illusion that they are wearing straps

- Layered undershirts may be worn to cover midriff and back that is exposed if students wear sleeveless tops with large arm holes, backless shirts, crop tops/ cut off tee-shirts, sheer material, or other tops that expose the midriff can be worn with an undershirt that covers the back or midriff.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts or must cover the full curve of the buttocks at all times.
- Bagging or sagged pants shall not be worn at school. The term “baggy pants” means the waistline of the pants, located at the hipbone of the student when pulled and pinched will gather more than one inch of material. The term “sagged pants” means the waistline of the pants is located below the hipbone of the student. With the pants correctly worn the crotch of the pants will not hang away from the body. Properly fitted pants, incorrectly worn (below the hipbone) are “sagged pants.” Pants that are loose enough to fall off the hips without a belt are too big.

### **Prohibited Items**

Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free from writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, or which bear weapons, drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses. This includes any symbols the principal or designee considers to be drug related such as KK, blunt, 420, and 8-ball. Only school approved lanyards.

Also prohibited are clothing, head coverings, jewelry, and other items which advocate gender, racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice (i.e., white/brown/black pride or power) or which demean or exalt any group of people such that it infringes upon the rights of others to be free from harassment or intimidation. Also prohibited are items containing messages that promote or glorify death, mutilation, or violence, or which constitute gang “silent code” messages, as determined by the school principal or designee in consultation with law enforcement.

### **Jewelry**

Jewelry with gang-related or other inappropriate symbols, as described above, is prohibited. Also prohibited is jewelry designed for use as a weapon or designed to contain hazardous or contraband materials. In addition, jewelry or other accessories which display studs, spikes, chains, replica weapons or drug paraphernalia, or which may pose a threat to student safety are prohibited. Chains greater than 1/8 inch in diameter are prohibited.

### **Shoes**

Shoes must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, only shoes which are appropriate for school wear are allowed, as determined by school administration. Shoes should stay on when walking or running. Any shoe with a hard sole is acceptable. Open toe shoes may not be acceptable in some lab classrooms due to safety issues.

### **Hats**

**Only school approved hats**, caps or other head coverings may be worn. Hats and head coverings that have been identified by local law enforcement agencies to be affiliated with local gangs will not be allowed on campus. Refer to the section on prohibited items.

### **Sunglasses**

Sunglasses may not be worn in the classroom.

### **Hair**

Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Hair lengths or styles which jeopardize the health and safety of the wearer or others of which substantially disrupt or interfere with school activities are not allowed.

### **Attire for Commencement Ceremonies and Senior Awards Night**

Students may be required to wear ceremonial attire, such as cap and gown, at the ceremony.