

Sonora ISD-Dress Code

2018-2019

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. While we respect student's desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substances that students are prohibited from having or using at school. Clothing that is expressive of gang culture or gang-related is not permitted. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

The principal or a teacher with approval of the principal may temporarily remove any student from the classroom or building when the student's dress, grooming, or actions become disruptive, indecent, or unhygienic.

General Guidelines:

- Be neat, clean, and well groomed.
- All pants and shorts must be worn at the waist.
- All clothing will be the proper size for the student and must be gender appropriate,
- Hemmed shorts are permitted and may not be shorter than 3 inches from the top of the kneecap (credit card length) in a normal standing position
- Hemmed shirt tails which extend beyond the palm of the hand while in a normal standing position must be tucked in. Unhemmed or uneven shirt tails must be tucked in.
- Special dress days may occasionally be declared with the principal's prior permission. When such days are held, rules that pertain to decency, modesty, and decorum must still be followed.
- Hairstyles must be neat/well-groomed and should not distract from the educational setting. In all cases, geometrical designs, partially shaved hair, or unusual cuts or coloring are not allowed.
- Girls may wear feathers in their hair as long as they are limited to one side, are not excessive, and do not cause a distraction
- Earrings may be worn (Girls only), in the ears. Body piercing rings, studs, etc. may not be worn on other body areas. No "gauges" or look alike gauges are allowed. Unauthorized

visible piercings may not be maintained by spacers or covered with bandages or coverings.

- Tattoos must not be visible at any time while at school or at school sponsored activities on or off campus. This includes artificially induced scars produced to resemble or represent something else.
- Body marking of any kind, pens or markers, is prohibited.
- Contact lenses that are distracting (red, cat eye, etc.) are prohibited.

Inappropriate Garments:

- Shirts, blouses, or dresses with large neck or arm openings.
- Shirts with objectionable lettering, drawings, or advertisements of alcohol, tobacco, etc. including pictures or symbols of groups or individuals representing deviant or evil ideals.
- Athletic garments issued by school sports programs may not be worn to school except on days of athletic competition.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, or racer back shirts, and plain white T-shirts may not be worn.
- Over baggy pants, clothing that is torn or frayed and exposes skin.
- Caps, hats, hoods, or head coverings of any kind may not be worn inside the building.
- See-through clothing.
- Shirts and blouses that reveal abdominal skin when the arms are in a normal standing position.
- Torn or frayed clothing that exposes skin.

Girls:

- No sun dresses or blouses that are open below the bra line in the front or in the back should be worn.
- Skirts or dresses may not be shorter than 3 inches from the top of the kneecap (credit card length) in a normal standing position.
- Strapless clothing or clothing with spaghetti straps may not be worn. All straps must be at least two inches in width.
- Hair coloring, streaks or highlights, must be of natural color.
- Tights, yoga pants, leotards, or body suits may not be worn as a justification for shorter dress or skirt lengths.
- Tights, yoga pants, leotards, or body suits may **not** be worn as a standalone clothing item. T-shirts are NOT considered a dress or skirt.

Boys:

- Earrings are not permitted.
- Facial hair is not permitted. Young men must be clean shaven at all times with side burns no longer than the bottom of the earlobe.
- Hair cannot be over the collar of a normal oxford-style shirt or below the eyebrows
- Hair cannot be cut nor colored to show distinctive hair lines
- Hair cannot be cut nor styled to resemble a mohawk, spikes, etc., or cut or styled in any way that would separate student from the rest of student body.
- No ponytails are allowed.
- No artificial hair coloring is allowed (frosting, streaking, highlights, etc.).
- Shaggy or unkempt hair will not be worn.

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

