

## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- 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.
- 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 distraction.
- Earrings may be worn by 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 markings, of any kind, pens or markers, are 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 competitions.
- Shorts that are shorter than 3 inches from the top of the knee (credit card) in a normal standing position.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, racer back shirts, or similar T-shirts, and plain white t-shirts may not be worn.
- Overly baggy pants, clothing that is torn or frayed and exposes skin.
- Caps or hats inside of the building.

- See-through clothing, skin-tight clothing, or clothing that is revealing.
- Shirts and blouses that reveal abdominal skin when the arms are in a normal standing position.
- Trench coats/dusters

### 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 above 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 (width of 3 fingers).
- Hair coloring, streaks or highlights must be of natural color and cover entire hair.
- Tights, yoga pants, leotards, or body suits may not be worn as justification for shorter dress or skirt lengths.
- Tights, yoga pants, leotards, or body suits may not be worn as a stand-alone 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 the eyebrows.
- Hair cannot be cut or colored to show distinctive hair lines.
- Hair cannot be cut or styled to resemble a Mohawk, spikes, etc., or cut or styled in any way that would separate student from the rest of the student body. Mullets will not be allowed – hair that is longer in the back or that puffs out and creates the mullet look.
- No pony-tails allowed.
- No artificial hair coloring is allowed (frosting, streaking, highlights, etc.).
- Shaggy or un-kept hair will not be worn

**The dress code will be enforced at all Sonora ISD functions**, including out of town activities. The school's dress code will apply with these exceptions. Caps may be worn outside with the bill facing forward. Revealing clothing will not be permitted.

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

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