

## Dress Code At-A-Glance

### Dress Code Expectations

"The District is committed to a learning environment that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption and gang activity or influence. The Board of Education believes that the manner in which students dress, accessorize and groom themselves affects the learning environment. By their appropriate appearance (which includes dress, accessories and other body adornments, and grooming), students help create an environment that is conducive to their own as well as all students' learning. Students' appearance, therefore, clearly has a direct and indirect influence on school discipline and student achievement." (From District 11 School Board policy on student dress: JICA)

#### Always dress appropriately for school.

- Clothes which promote alcohol, drugs, or tobacco or which are obscene or use questionable language are considered in poor taste and are not permitted.
- Short-shorts, short skirts, "crop" tops, muscle shirts, halter-tops, and torn or razor-cut clothing, "do rags", bandanas in hair, backless clothes, bedroom slippers, pajamas and other sleepwear, rubber shoe thongs, and spaghetti straps are not considered appropriate and are not allowed.
- Underwear, bellies, armpits are not to be showing.
- Sagging is not allowed.
- In addition, outfits that inappropriately bare or expose traditionally private parts of a body including, but not limited to, stomach, buttocks, back and breasts are not to be worn at school.
- No clothes with pen or marker writings on them.
- Tattoos must be covered. No writing with pen or marker on the skin.

#### Hats, coats, sunglasses, wallet chains, and long belts are not worn at school.

- Hats and coats may be worn in the schoolyard during the school day. (Lightweight jackets may be worn in the building.)
- Baseball caps are not to be worn in the school building at any time.



**Body piercing other than the ears is not allowed.**

**Hair color other than "naturally occurring" hair color is not allowed (blue, green, etc.)**

**School Board Policy on Student Dress, <http://www.d11.org/boe/policies/jica.htm>, grants school staffs discretion to**

**enforce a student dress code to minimize distractions to student learning.**