

DRESS AND GROOMING

Shepherd High, Middle, Intermediate, and Primary

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

- Students will wear clean clothing and keep themselves neat, modestly dressed, well groomed and free of offensive odor.
- Hair shall be kept clean and well-groomed. Boy's hair must be clean, neat, out of the eyes and not exceed the collar line of a collared shirt, and boys will not be allowed to wear ponytails, rattails or any type of hairstyle that is disruptive to the educational process. Mustaches and sideburns must be kept clean, neatly trimmed and not extend past the lobe of the ear. A neatly trimmed mustache is the only facial hair permitted.
- Hair curlers and rollers are not to be worn at any time.
- Wigs are not acceptable cover-up for hair not meeting the dress code.
- Hats, caps, do (doo) rags, hooded sweatshirts or jackets, headbands and bandannas are not to be worn except in designated areas.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times.
- The district will not allow pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that are lewd, offensive, unpatriotic, or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any prohibited substance.
- All tops must be long enough to cover the midriff completely at all times.
- Sleepwear and lingerie are not permissible as outer garments.
- Muscle shirts and net shirts are not acceptable.
- Shirts are to be buttoned to a modest level. Zippered shirts must be zipped closely to the same degree as buttoned shirts. Shirts that reveal an excessive amount of cleavage will not be accepted.
- Shorts will be permitted if they meet specific guidelines as follows:
 - a) Girls can wear walking shorts or shorts that are no more than 4 inches above the kneecap.
 - b) Shorts outfits with no pockets may be worn by all students.
 - c) Length of shorts should be no more than 4 inches above the kneecap.

• Shoes - **High School**

Shoes must be worn at all times. Students must wear appropriate shoes. House slippers and shoes with cleats or similar type shoes are not permitted because of safety considerations as students travel steps and hallways. *For Safety Reasons*; some courses (Ag, Building Trades, etc...) may necessitate wearing shoes that offer more protection. While Flip-flop type shoes may be appropriate for informal situations; they will not be allowed to be worn at more formal occasions such as: Awards Ceremonies, Banquets, Graduation, etc...). Safe walking should be the guide for slippery surface shoes and high heels.

• Shoes continued...**Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School**

Students cannot wear platform shoes that are deemed unsafe for school activities. For safety and health reasons flip-flops, house slippers, and shoes with cleats or similar type shoes are prohibited on these campuses.

- Any noise making articles that are distracting will not be worn.

- The length of skirts, dresses, culottes, etc. must allow one to walk, stoop, kneel and sit with modesty and should be no more than 4 inches above the knee.
- Halter tops, see-through clothing, low cut, tank tops, and strapless garments should not be worn. Clothing must not be overly tight or revealing and must cover the top of the shoulder and the entire back.
- Students are not to wear clothing that is too tight, loose, revealing, sagging or short. Students are prohibited from wearing garments that sag below the waistline. Pants or shorts must be fitted at the waist and in the stride, not oversized, drag the ground or appear baggy. Students must wear belts with garments designed to be worn with belts.
- Boys are not to wear earrings or studs. Girls are allowed to wear earrings or studs in earlobes only. No body jewelry is allowed for boys or girls.
- No sunglasses (unless lightly tinted prescription) may be worn in the building.
- Any symbols/garments designated as gang related are banned.
- No trench coats will be allowed.
- Tattoos must be covered while at school and school related activities.
- No dog collars, chains, or spikes can be worn.

Determination of whether a student's dress or grooming is a distraction to the educational process of the classroom or school, or violates the community standards of dress or grooming can be a difficult decision. The Principal or Assistant Principal will have the final decision concerning what dress is appropriate or inappropriate.

At Shepherd Middle School, students are not allowed to wear pants or shorts with holes in them above the four inch mark unless it has a permanent patch sewn in under the garment. A pocket, shorts, or leggings worn underneath is not sufficient to meet dress code. Also, jackets or hoodies are not appropriate to cover shirts that are not in dress code.

The Principal, in connection with the teacher, sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of the instructional or extra-curricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Therefore additional standards shall be written and copies given to the students and parents.

Classes missed while correcting grooming violations will be counted as unexcused absences or tardies