

## **DRESS CODE**

It is our philosophy that student dress and grooming are the responsibility of parents and students. However, when in the judgment of the principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process, constitutes a threat to health or safety, or is otherwise contrary to the school's objective to maintain a work/school environment which is free of offensive and hostile conduct, the student may be required to make modifications.

Student dress should be in good taste. Dress that is detrimental or distracting to the learning process or working environment is not permissible. For example:

- Wearing of apparel should be neat, clean, and suitable to the school situation.
- Shoes must be worn in the building.
- Hats, fabric headbands, bandanas, non-prescription sunglasses and other headgear are not to be worn in the building at any time nor carried around during school hours. These items should be kept in a locker.
- Clothing must be worn according to the original design of the garment. No undergarments will be allowed to show.
- Clothing and accessories that refer to sexual connotations or products dealing with alcohol, tobacco and drugs will not be permitted.
- Clothing with printed slogans that are disruptive or detrimental to the education process or working environment is not permitted.
- Jeans may have holes as long as the holes are not above the mid-thigh, and are not excessive in size.
- Heavy or lengthy chains are not to be worn at any time.
- Clothing which exposes a bare midriff or back is not permitted. The shirt or blouse should not expose bare skin when the student is standing and arms raised.
- No short-shorts or mini-skirts. The shorts or skirt should extend past the fingertips with the arms extended and/or measure to the mid-thigh.
- Halter-tops, tank tops, tube tops and spaghetti-strap tops are prohibited. The straps on tops must be at least two inches and cover the bra strap.

Students who wear inappropriate clothing or accessories, or wear clothing or accessories inappropriately to school, will be required to make modifications. Repeated offenses or refusal to take corrective modifications are in violation of USD #284 Discipline Policy.