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23-24 STUDENT DRESS CODE

Student Dress Code and Grooming

Determination of dress code violation is at the discretion of the administration. Furthermore, administrators may conduct inspections for compliance to dress code. Sharyland ISD's dress code teaches 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:

- Distracting hairstyles or unnatural hair coloration is not permitted. Examples of distracting hairstyles include: mohawks, spikes, and razor lines (including eyebrows). Determination of hairstyle violations is at the discretion of the campus administrator.
- Mustaches and beards are not permitted.
- No visible tattoos or outlandish makeup is allowed.
- Makeup and artificial nails are not allowed at the elementary level.
- Body part piercings and/or nose studs are not to be worn, displayed, or covered on school premises or at school-sponsored events. This includes string and plastic studs which are used to keep the pierced hole open.
- Shorts of any type are NOT allowed in grades 7 - 12.
- Elementary students may wear shorts as long as the length is no shorter than four inches above the knee.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline so that no skin or undergarments are exposed.
- Torn or tattered clothing that shows exposed undergarments or skin above the knees is not allowed.
- Leggings, jeggings, and form-fitting athletic wear are not allowed in grades 3-12.
- Skirts or dresses may be worn as long as the length is no shorter than four inches from the top of the kneecap.
- Shirts must cover the entire back and midriff. The length must extend beyond the waist level.
- Transparent or see-through tops, spaghetti straps, strapless, low-cut clothing, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage are prohibited.
- Halter, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, and muscle shirts are prohibited.
- Sleeveless shirts must cover the shoulder. No off-the-shoulder blouses or blouses/shirts that fall off the shoulder are permitted.
- Pajama type clothing is not allowed.
- Flip flops, slippers, steel-toed footwear, "slaps", and shoes with wheels are not allowed.
- Hats, caps, hoods, bandanas, and sunglasses are not permitted inside buildings.
- Blankets and pillows are not permitted. Blankets cannot be worn as a "coat."

Dress code violations may NOT be covered with outerwear (e.g. jackets, hoodies, coats, etc.).

If the administration concludes that a student's grooming, manner of dress, or accessories violate the dress code, the student will be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school (e.g. shaving, removing piercing, covering tattoos, changing clothes, etc.) and return to the classroom.

If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day. The following school day, the student will be subject to a dress code compliance check before entering their first class.

Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures will be followed in all cases. Styles and fads come and go. It would be impossible to anticipate all changes before they appear in students' dress and grooming and to incorporate them into the dress code. It is, therefore, at the discretion of the administration to adapt the dress code at any time to these changes.

The administration, in cooperation with a sponsor or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period of time determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary actions. Dress code rules are in effect any time a student is on school property or at a school function and come under Level II discipline unless violations are persistent.

The Sharyland Independent School District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any employee/student on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law.

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