

## **DRESS AND GROOMING (p. 21 of 2011-2012 EMS Student Handbook)**

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

### **Hair**

- Hair should be kept clean, neat, well groomed, and of a natural hair color. Students shall NOT wear distracting hair styles which includes, but is not limited to extensions of extreme colors, "feathers," extreme multi-tone coloring, Mohawks, etc. Boy's hair cannot be below mid-ear on the side, below the eyebrow in front, or lower than the top of the collar of a dress shirt in the back (If questionable, the student will be asked to hold down "flipping" hair so that true length can be ascertained).
- Students shall be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches, goatees, or beards are not permitted. Sideburns shall be no longer than the bottom of the earlobe.

### **Jewelry, Accessories & Tattoos**

- Boys shall not wear ear jewelry on school campus or during school-related activities.
- Tongue, nose, eye, navel, etc. rings (studs) are not permitted by any student on school campus or during school-related activities.
- Any jewelry or trinket that is noisy and/or permits undue distraction in the school environment shall not be permitted.
- Wallet chains are prohibited. No chains will be allowed on school property (ex. wallet, backpack, etc.). Dog chains/collars or bicycle chains worn around the neck or wrist will not be allowed.
- Exposed tattoos shall be covered.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. "Heelys" are not appropriate unless the wheels have been removed from the heels for school.
- Hats, caps, scarves/bandannas, or any head wear shall not be worn in the building. Hats or caps may be worn ONLY at athletic events (not including pep rallies). Caps are to be worn correctly, with the bill pointed straight forward, and not worn backwards or the bill turned at an angle. "Feathers" are not acceptable to wear in hair.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in school unless medically prescribed.

### **Clothes**

- Shorts are acceptable, but must meet appropriate length, target modesty, and be of a non-revealing fabric/style. No spandex and/or "biker" shorts are permitted unless worn under skirts or shorts that meet length specifications. Shorts must be longer than the tips of the fingers with the arm extended to the student's side.
- Dresses and skirts will be governed by the same length standard as shorts (longer than the tips of the fingers with the arms extended to the student's side) to ensure modesty, but proper coverage of the body and undergarments must be maintained as well as being of a non-revealing fabric/style. Dresses and skirts featuring high slashes or slits are not appropriate for school. The length test will be applied to the top of the slash/slit. Dresses and skirts, especially those that flair at the bottom, need to be selected with heightened care to ensure proper coverage of the body.
- **Clothes with rips, tears, etc. may be acceptable if patches have been applied under the holes to ensure skin and undergarments will not show unless the rips and tears are in inappropriate places (examples: rips in the seat of jeans are unacceptable even with patches, while tears on the legs/knees may be okay but with a patch under it).**
- Clothes must be hemmed or with a sewn cuff. Cutoffs and/or frayed hems are unacceptable with the exception of clothes manufactured in a way that a hem is stitched and then the bottom of the garment is purposefully frayed.

- Students shall not wear oversized clothing including shirts and baggy wide-legged or large outside pocket pants. Waistbands of pants shall be pulled up appropriately and worn to ensure proper coverage of undergarments and mid-sections/lower torsos of students.
- Shirts must cover mid-section. No skin will show at any time. Transparent clothing, halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps and form fitting clothing will not be permitted. Girls—shirts must be 2 inches wide at the shoulder. Boys—may not wear sleeveless shirts.
- All clothing shall be appropriately buttoned.
- Appropriate undergarments shall be worn. Any clothing that exposes undergarments or breast cleavage is prohibited.
- Clothing, jewelry or items with coloring, designs, symbols, or lettering that would be interpreted as inappropriately suggestive, offensive, vulgar, or that would advertise alcohol, tobacco, drugs, acts of violence, illegal, or prohibited activities are prohibited.
- No gang apparel will be permitted, which does include bandanas and G-Unit apparel at the time of publication of this handbook. Should school personnel ascertain that other specific apparel items are being used by gangs, all students and parents will be notified.

**These rules are in effect during all school hours, at all school-related activities and at any time that a student is on campus. This includes the class periods after athletics.**

**Students found in violation of the school dress code will be asked to correct the violation or to change immediately in order to attend classes. Students may also be sent home. A Dress Code Violation Report will be filed on each incident and will be kept on record in the office. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary action (consequences for each violation after the 2<sup>nd</sup> one).**

**The principal is the final determiner of what is or is not acceptable school dress.**

**Parents are asked to monitor their child's clothes daily prior to he/she leaving for school keeping in mind that the child may be growing and clothes that met the dress code at the beginning of the year may not be appropriate later in the school year.**

## **Social Events (p. 17 of 2011-2012 EMS Handbook)**

School rules apply to school social events to which a student attends. Middle School students MAY NOT attend High School dances. Guests MAY NOT attend Middle School dances and parties.

A student who is absent from school on the day of a social event, except in the case of an extracurricular absence, will not be allowed to attend the social event (see Absences on page 9).

Certain EMS social events (parties, dances, ceremonies, graduation, etc.) may have special expectations for attendance and attire (dress code applies):

**5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Party and Dance**—7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade only—casual attire (dress code applies)

**Fall Ball**—6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade only—casual, but nice attire (dress code applies)

**Valentine's Dance**—6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade only—"Sunday Clothes"/Semi-Formal: boys in dress pants and collared shirts (no jeans) and girls in slacks, skirts and blouses, or dresses (formals are discouraged—dress code applies)

**Spring Fling**—5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—casual attire (dress code applies)

**EMS Awards Ceremony & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**—5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—dressy attire: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys—Nice jeans, slacks or khakis, collared dress shirt or polo (shirt tucked in); 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls—Nice slacks with blouse, nice skirt with blouse, or dress (dress code applies)—no flip flops.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys—khakis or nice slacks, collared dress shirt and tie (shirt tucked in)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls—nice skirt with blouse or dress (dress code applies)—no flip flops