



Student Dress Code

MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The following is an excerpt from the Student Handbook posted separately for convenience only. Always refer to the most recent, official Student Handbook for any changes or discrepancies.

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, prepare students for the workforce, and teach respect for the educational environment. School is a place of business, not a social club. Therefore, the dress and grooming of a student should reflect the serious intent of one who is going to work with an important job to do. Accordingly, dress and grooming standards should promote a businesslike atmosphere that is comfortable, but not too casual, free from disruption, easily enforced by teachers and administrators so as not to take away from instruction, and easily self-monitored so that students and parents can ensure that the standards are met prior to the student coming to school. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed.
- Articles of clothing with suggestive writing or pictures, or inappropriate advertising, slogans, or symbols are prohibited.
- Students will not wear or have in their possession items that are inappropriate for school.
- Any clothing which may relate to gang symbols is prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, cleated shoes, or any shoes that mark or damage floor coverings, are not allowed.
- Caps, hats, visors, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside school buildings.
- Hemlines on all dresses, skirts, and shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh length (typically no shorter than 7" inseam).
- Pants may not have holes above mid-thigh length. No sagging pants are allowed.
- Tights, leggings, or spandex may only be worn with a shirt, skirt, dress, or shorts that cover both the front and the back (no sheer panels; no skin may show through).
- Jackets or coats must not be longer than mid-thigh length.
- Tank tops (less than two inches wide on the shoulder strap), halters, midriff tops, tube tops are not allowed. Open knit or unlined fishnet jerseys are not allowed unless they are worn over a T-shirt or blouse, or completely covered with a jacket. Shirts with sleeves cut out are not allowed.
- Excessively tight or baggy clothing are not allowed. All undergarments must be covered.
- Students' hair must be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Hairstyles must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face. Unnatural colors are not allowed.
- Piercing for the ear(s) and a single stud in the nose are allowed. Any other visible body piercings, including gauges, are not allowed.
- Visible tattoos or fake tattoos are not allowed. Tattoos or fake tattoos must be covered while attending school.

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- No blankets may be brought to school.

SECONDARY-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- Girls must wear bras.
- Tops which reveal cleavage or midriff are not allowed.
- Facial hair should be neat, clean, and closely trimmed.

If a campus administrator determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the District's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The Board of Trustees delegates to the campus principal the authority to make final determinations as to whether clothing or grooming is or is not within this Code. The ruling of the campus principal regarding compliance/noncompliance with this Code and corresponding consequences assigned for violation for the Code is final and may not be appealed to the Superintendent, his/her designee, or the Board.