

## CONTEMPORARY LEARNING CENTER STUDENT DRESS CODE 2007-2008

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Dress regulations should discourage the extremes and the fads that may lead to disruptions. Students will wear attire that covers them from two inches below the collarbone to fingertip length on the leg.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health hazard or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may cause disruption of or interfere with normal school operations. The principal or designee, in conjunction with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity, if the principal believes that the student's dress or grooming: (1) Creates a hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others; or, (2) Will prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or designee shall request that the student make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the principal shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian and request that a person make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent or legal guardian refuses, the principal or designee shall take appropriate disciplinary action. All students shall be accorded due process safeguards before any disciplinary action may be taken. Absence from class due to inappropriate dress or grooming will be counted as unexcused. Repeated violations may cause additional appropriate disciplinary action to be taken.

To clarify for the high school student dress code policy, the following examples of dress are considered inappropriate:

1. Clothing, jewelry, badges, patches, tattoos, or designs on clothing must not reflect or suggest in any manner drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, vulgar language, gang affiliations, violence, death, satanic ideology, or other items that could be viewed as offensive to others.
2. Hairstyles must be neat, clean, and well groomed. Hair coloring that is not a natural color, and extreme hairstyles (i.e. Mohawks, etc.) are prohibited.
3. No hats, bandanas, scarves, head coverings, curlers, sweatbands, or caps shall be worn in the building or be in a student's possession during the school day. If brought into the building, they must be stored in the student's locker. Hats worn in the building will be taken up and can be claimed by parents or returned to the student at the end of the year. A minimum of one detention will be assigned for the violation of the hat/bandana policy. Repeated offenses will incur additional disciplinary action.
4. Sideburns that extend lower than the ear lobe or have exaggerated flares are prohibited.
5. Mustaches or beards are prohibited. Students are expected to shave as often as the situation dictates in order to maintain good grooming habits.
6. Skirts and shorts must extend beyond the length of fingertips of the individual when arms hang loosely at the sides. Pants, skirts, and shorts must be properly hemmed and must fit at the waist. Undergarments should not be seen.
7. Excessively oversized or excessively tight garments shall not be worn.
8. Tank tops shall only be worn in conjunction with a sleeved garment. The midriff must not be exposed when a student goes through normal activities of a school day (bending, stretching, reaching, etc.).
9. Revealing garments are not permitted without the wearing of an appropriate vest or shirt/blouse.
10. Inappropriate clothing includes any casual beach-like attire, including backless blouses, off-the-shoulder blouses/dresses, halter-type tank tops, tank tops, tops with spaghetti straps, or pants, shirts, and sleeves that have been cut off. Blouses/shirts must be tucked in or be below the waistband when arms are extended overhead.
11. Proper undergarments must be worn.
12. Full-length trench coats may not be worn.
13. Chains of any length or size (including wallet chains) are not allowed.
14. Shorts can be worn all year. The school administration will review the appropriateness of shorts each six weeks. If it is deemed that there has been disregard of the dress code guidelines outlined earlier in this policy, the privilege of wearing shorts may be revoked. Inappropriate shorts include shorts that are higher than the extended fingertip of the individual, running shorts, spandex, and cutoffs with frayed hems, shorts worn over shorts, neon or fluorescent material. Shorts, jeans, and slacks with large holes and/or tears are prohibited.
15. Appropriate footwear shall be worn. Shower shoes, thongs, or house shoes are not appropriate. Shoes with wheels, roller blades, skateboards, or scooters are prohibited.
16. Any form of dress, jewelry, hair, or hair color, that attracts undue attention, disrupts school, or distracts from the learning process is not acceptable.
17. Gang-related apparel is prohibited in school or at any school-related function.

18. Random dress code sweeps may be conducted throughout the school day. Students out of dress code will be subject to disciplinary measures.

19. Facial piercing will be limited to the student's ears only.

Students may be asked to remove jewelry, earrings, etc. if the principal, assistant principal, teachers or other school personnel feel they are a distraction in the classroom. Students in violation of the dress code will be given an opportunity to correct the violation by changing clothes, shoes, etc. If a change cannot be made, the student may use the telephone to have someone bring him/her proper attire. If the violation is not corrected, the student will not be allowed to go to class. Any student sent home for dress code violations will receive unexcused absences for the classes missed. The dress code rules shall apply through the last day of school.