

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

- All students may wear long pants of appropriate length or shorts of appropriate length (shorts must be at knuckle length of the middle finger [junction of the proximal and middle phalange on the 3rd digit] or below, with hands extended downward).
- Bottom attire (e.g. pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, etc.) must be worn at the natural waistline – no sagging is allowed.
- Holes in bottom attire are allowed provided they are not excessive in size and are located below the allowable length for shorts (see specified length above).
- Students are allowed to wear leggings, tights, yoga pants, jeggings, or any spandex-type material under a dress, skirt, shorts, or shirt that falls to the appropriate short length (see above).
- Students may wear dresses or skirts provided that the length is at least 3 inches below the appropriate short length (see specified length above).
- All shirts and blouses must be neat, clean, properly buttoned, and worn in a manner appropriate for the educational environment.
- Shirts and tops must have at least a three-inch shoulder seam. More than one shirt may not be used to reach this three-finger minimum.
- All students are required to wear shoes at all times for health reasons. Flip flops are allowed; however, house shoes and bathroom slippers are not allowed.
- Appropriate undergarments shall be worn by all students and should not be visible.
- Earrings are allowed for male and female students. Males are limited to small stud or small hoop style earrings only.

INAPPROPRIATE OR UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Students may not wear: tongue rings, facial jewelry, or facial decorations (other than normal makeup). Spacers, spikes, gauges, and mouth jewelry are not allowed.
- Students may not wear sleeveless shirts or vests without a shirt with sleeves underneath. Students may not wear oversized shirts that extend to the knee area.
- Clothing which in the opinion of the professional staff would be inappropriate or offensive for school in general, shall not be allowed, including, but not limited to: miniskirts, split side apparel, see through clothing, halter tops, tops exposing cleavage or the midriff, fishnet tops, bare shoulder tops, shirts/tops that fall off of the shoulder, bike shorts, sleepwear as outerwear, or clothing that is ripped.
- Pajamas cannot be worn to school as everyday clothing.
- Blankets are not allowed to be brought to school.
- Headwear, sweatbands, hair rollers, and other similar hair grooming items shall not be worn by students in the school building with the exception of religious attire.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building.
- Trench coats will not be allowed at school or at school functions.

- Students may not wear clothing that includes any products or behaviors that are not permitted in schools, explicit or suggestive slogans or symbols, or anything the school administrators deem disruptive to the school environment.
- No shoes with wheels are allowed at any time.

APPROPRIATE GROOMING

- Bangs or hair must not obstruct a student's vision at any time. Hairbands may be worn to ensure proper vision at all times.
- Student's hair, by the nature of the style or color, shall not tend to create a distraction. Distracting styles (i.e. Mohawks) will not be allowed. No sculpted designs will be allowed in the hair or eyebrow.
- Tattoos must be completely covered while on campus and during all school-related events.
- Students are expected to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students/staff.
- Student's hair must be clean and neatly groomed.
- Male students may have facial hair, but all facial hair must be neatly groomed. No designs or sculpting is allowed.
- Student's contact lenses must be a natural color or shade. Distracting styles or colors are not allowed.

The AMS administration reserves the right to determine if student dress is inappropriate or disruptive to the school environment. Dress and grooming standards can be changed if the principal determines during the year that they interfere with a student's education or cause a disruption on campus.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.