

School Dress and Grooming

Students shall dress in a manner that shows respect for themselves and the educational environment of Joel P. Jensen Middle. Students' clothing and jewelry must not present a health or safety hazard or distraction, which would disrupt the educational mission of the school. Disruption is defined as reactions by other students to the clothing or jewelry that causes the teacher/administrator to lose the attention of the students, to modify or stop instructional activities, or to deal with student confrontations or complaints.

1. Students' clothing, jewelry and paraphernalia shall be free of writing, pictures or symbols that are inappropriate, crude, vulgar, profane, violent or sexually suggestive. These items may also not contain advertising or likeness of tobacco, alcohol or drugs. School administration reserves the right to determine what items are appropriate for school.
2. All students shall maintain their hair, mustaches, sideburns and beards in a clean, well-groomed manner. Styles, which is so conspicuous, extreme, odd in color or style that it draws undue attention, disrupts, or tend to disrupt or interfere with the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.
3. All students shall wear clean clothing. Clothing, jewelry, accessories and piercings which are so conspicuous, extreme, or odd that they may draw undue attention, disrupt, or tend to disrupt, interfere with or pose a health or safety issue to the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.
4. Students shall not wear clothes that are mutilated, torn, cut off, or immodest, e.g., short shorts, miniskirts, and dresses. Dresses, skirts and shorts must be at least knee length or longer when seated. Clothing, including leggings, spaghetti straps, tank tops or midriffs are not appropriate clothing for school.
5. Military clothing or insignias, which are part of the official uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces are not to be worn except where authorized by law. (Wearing of the military uniform is regulated by provisions of Title 10, USC 771-772 and Army Regulation 670-1 29-4).
6. Hats of any kind are not allowed within the building except as part of an approved activity, or for religious or medical purposes.
7. School officials may require students to wear certain types of clothing for health or safety reasons in connection with certain specialized activities.
8. Gang-related clothing, colors and/or paraphernalia shall not be allowed in schools or activities. School officials will determine what constitutes "gang" clothing, colors and/or paraphernalia after consultation with law enforcement agencies as needed. Red and royal blue have been prevalent gang colors in this area, so these two colors are to be worn sparingly, if at all.
9. Shoes shall be worn at all times to ensure personal safety and hygiene.