

Center Middle School

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APPENDIX VI

DRESS & GROOMING POLICY

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DRESS AND GROOMING

Center ISD has implemented the following dress code to ensure a safe, positive environment free for all students. Appropriate dress for the school day causes students to act in a manner which produces a higher standard for personal behavior and educational activities. Student dress must conform to the following rules.

If the principal or teacher 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 by wearing school issued overalls. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, to 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:

- Shorts and skirts (including the splits in skirts) may be worn as long as they are no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- Sleep pants or pajamas/pajama pants, tennis shorts, athletic shorts, gym shorts, cycling shorts or outer clothing made of lycra are not acceptable.
- House shoes are not permitted to be worn at school.
- Pants worn below hips and buttocks are not acceptable. (SAGGING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED)
- Shirts that extend past the thumb when student is standing with arms relaxed by the side must be tucked in.
- Shirts and blouses must be long enough to prevent exposure of the mid-section when arms are raised parallel to the floor.
- Any apparel that advertises or implies sex, drugs, alcohol, profanity or violence is not permitted.
- Sleeveless shirts and dresses are permitted as long as no undergarment or the sides of the body are visible. The top of the shoulder must be covered. Muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, and/or spaghetti straps are not allowed. Shirts with the sleeves cut off are not allowed.
- Transparent clothing is not permitted.
- No "headwear" is permitted, including, but not limited to nonprescription eyewear, sunglasses, caps, hats, hair picks, combs, hairnets, stocking caps, toboggans, headbands, and bandanas.

- Excessively tight pants, shorts, or skirts are not allowed.
- Leggings must have a shirt that reaches mid-thigh or lower.
- Any hair color, other than the natural hair color, or style that is deemed to be distracting or disruptive to the educational process is not allowed.
- Students may not bring nor have on their clothing or in their possession any type of chain; these include chains such as wallet chains, dog collars, and belts.
- Clothing must not be excessively torn and must not expose any undergarments and skin.
- Any article of clothing that is deemed gang related as determined by school administration is prohibited.

The administration is authorized to require students to change their dress if it causes a distraction or disruption of the school.

Dress Code Referrals:

- 1st referral-----Student will be placed in school provided clothing for the remainder of the day.
- 2nd referral-----Student will be placed in school provided clothing for 2 school days.
- 3rd referral----- Student will be placed in school provided clothing for 3 school days.
- 4th referral-----Students will be placed in school provided clothing for 4 school days.
- 5th referral-----Students will be placed in school provided clothing for NINE WEEKS (30 school days).
- 6th referral -----Student will be placed in school provided clothing for THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR