

**STUDENT DRESS CODE
(REGULATION)**

The student dress code is based upon the premise of recognizing fashion without sacrificing decency, safety, and appropriateness. In light of the unique school environment, the programs and curriculum schools offer, the need for advancement of those educational goals without unnecessary distractions, appropriate control of student behavior, management of classrooms, and all on-campus activities.

The following are general guidelines regarding proper dress.

1. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must not be shorter than \$1 bill's width from the bottom of the hem to the top of the knee.
2. Clothing will not expose the midriff, any undergarment, cleavage, or back. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, and racer backs are not considered appropriate school attire. Tank tops are defined by having a strap smaller than the width of a \$1 bill.
3. Excessively tight or excessively loose clothing is prohibited. Tights and leggings must be covered up to the same standard as #1. The interpretation of excessively tight or loose may be at the discretion of the administrator in charge.
4. Appropriate footwear must be worn. All students are required to wear shoes. House shoes are not considered appropriate footwear nor are tennis shoes with rollers.
5. PK-4 are required to wear closed toed, closed heel shoes.
6. Apparel is not to be worn or displayed that contains writing, suggestive slogans, depictions or logos that would be commonly recognized as vulgar, obscene, profane, lewd, or sexually suggestive; that display partial or full nudity; that urge or depict violence or criminal acts toward individuals or groups; that promote items not allowed on campus by district student behavior rules or are illegal for minors to use or possess, such as alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, and tobacco products; or that promote gang activity through writings, depictions, or symbols. Such items include, but are not limited to, articles of clothing, belts, jewelry, sweatbands, wrist bands or school materials, including backpacks.
7. Caps, hats, visors, hoods or other head coverings are not permitted within the school building unless approved by the school administration. Accessories such as bandanas, gloves, or hair picks are not acceptable. No chains, spiked collars, or like items will be allowed.
8. Coats and/or outerwear may be worn inside the building. At the discretion of the classroom teacher, students may be asked to take off their coat and/or outerwear and place it on their seat or in their locker.
9. School activity uniforms may only be worn in a manner that does not violate dress code policy, excluding assemblies and performances. Students representing Elk City Schools through extracurricular activities will adhere to the dress code set forth by the coach or sponsor.
10. Sunglasses shall not be worn in the building unless prescribed by a physician.
11. Jeans, pants, etc. must be worn above the hipbone at the natural waistline and cannot bag, sag, or drag on the floor. Pajama pants are prohibited.

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- 12. No holes, rips or tears in any clothing.
- 13. Trench coats are not allowed at any time.
- 14. Students will only be allowed to display rings in the ear. Other piercings will be covered before arriving at school or they will have to be removed for the day.

With ever changing styles, additional guidelines may be established to help maintain high standards. In interpretation of the dress code to all students, the principal or designee will have total authority. If there are situations that arise that are not specifically covered in this code, the administrator in charge will interpret the situation in light of the basic intent of this policy and that ruling will be final until such time that the policy is revised or changed to cover the situation.

The administration has the final say on all student dress code decisions.

Apparel

If a student’s dress or grooming is objectionable under the above provisions, the principal shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student declines, the principal shall notify the student’s parents or legal guardian and request that person to make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent or legal guardian refuse, the principal shall take the appropriate disciplinary action.

Students who violate provisions of the dress code and refuse to correct the violation may be disciplined by removal or exclusion from extracurricular activities. In extreme cases, students may be suspended until the violation is corrected.