

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The board recognizes that it is the prerogative of parents to determine what is appropriate dress and grooming for their children in accordance with the age and grade of these students. It is hoped that decisions made by parents/guardians and students in these matters will reflect favorably upon the individual, the school, and the community.

There are certain restrictions necessary on a student's dress and grooming when such dress and grooming may create a health or safety hazard; invade the rights of others; or, be disruptive to the educational environment by detracting from the decency and decorum in school. It will be the responsibility of the building principal to determine violations of the intent to this policy and to take necessary corrective action.

It is expected that all students at Garretson Middle School and Garretson High School will use good judgment in the selection of personal clothing that is neat, clean, and not offensive in taste or modesty. Safety requirements in specialized subject areas must also be considered. For reasons of health and other considerations, the following restrictions will be observed:

- A. Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers are not acceptable footwear.
- B. Students may not wear anything on their heads in the building or classroom unless required by a faculty member for safety or health reasons.
- C. All students must wear shirts, blouses, or sweaters that cover the chest, stomach, shoulders, and back. Apparel worn for sensationalism or clothing that exposes bare skin or undergarments will not be permitted. Bare midriffs, muscle shirts, tank tops, tattered clothing, and spaghetti straps are considered inappropriate.
- D. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building unless required for medical reasons and a note has been issued from a doctor.
- E. Shorts may be worn during the first and fourth nine-week periods. Shorts and skirts of reasonable length are permitted. Dresses, skirts, and shorts, as well as slits in any of these garments, are not to be shorter than fingertip length.
- F. Pants are not to be worn so that they expose the posterior part of the body or any underclothing.
- G. Clothing bearing inappropriate images or messages is not permitted. Inappropriate is identified as related to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, sexual content, racism, discrimination, gang referenced or affiliated, or any other subject, image, or message deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- H. Immodest dressing is not permitted. Skin-tight or spandex styled clothing, cut-offs, swimsuits, see-through tops and/or pants, or clothing with immodestly located holes are not to be worn during school hours. Holes in garments must not be located above fingertip length.
- I. Clothing that is excessively torn, haggard, or baggy in appearance will not be permitted.
- J. Lounging and/or sleepwear, pajamas, or bed garments are not permitted. Undergarments shall not be exposed or worn as outergarments.
- K. Spikes, chokers, dog collars, and chains are not permitted.

- L. All backpacks and purses of excessive size must be left in the students' lockers.
- M. Coats are not to be worn during school hours. Sweatshirts and light jackets are acceptable under this policy.

Parents/guardians should see that children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Unless otherwise stated, this policy applies to all school activities, practices, and trips. Inappropriate dress will result in detention, suspension, and/or the student may be required to relinquish the item in violation of school policy.

Acceptability of attire will be determined by the building administration. Students failing to meet stated standards of dress will be sent to the office where they will change, be sent home, or request a change of clothes from a parent/guardian. Students will not be allowed back into the classroom until they have changed.