

4.25 -- STUDENT DRESS CODE AND GROOMING - School Board Policy

The Nemo Vista Board of Education recognizes that dress may be a matter of personal taste and preference. At the same time, the District has a responsibility to promote an environment conducive to student learning. This requires limitations on student dress and grooming that could be disruptive to the educational process because they are immodest, disruptive, unsanitary, and unsafe, could cause property damage, or are offensive to common standards of decency.

Students are prohibited from wearing, while on the school grounds during the school day and at school-sponsored events, clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or the breasts of a female.

A student shall not be disciplined or discriminated against based on the student's natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle. A student's natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle includes, without limitation, afros, dreadlocks, twists, locks, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls, and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

The Superintendent shall establish student dress codes for the District's schools.

The primary responsibility for dress, grooming, and overall appearance of students rests with the parents of individual students and the students themselves.

General Rules for Dress Code:

1. Students may not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous in their educational activities.
2. Caps, hats, and/or unusual headdresses cannot be worn inside buildings or any place designated by the administration and school board as prohibited. **(High School ONLY: Hats may be worn outside the buildings, at prom, in the gym at ballgames, if deemed appropriate. Hats may not be worn in buildings, graduation, homecoming, or any other formal event as determined by the principal.)**
3. Students in grades K-12 should not wear shirts that expose the midriff. Shirt sleeves should extend to the shoulder (no spaghetti string tank tops), no mesh, cut-out sleeves, or see-through tops.
4. No clothing with obscene language or rude or suggestive pictures will be worn.
5. Pajamas may not be worn except during designated dress-up days.
6. 6th – 12th: Tights and leggings must be worn with long tops (tunic) that cover to mid-thigh.
7. All students, K-12, may wear shorts to school.
K-2: shorts must have an inseam of 3 inches. Skirts and dresses must be worn with shorts underneath. 3-12: Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be mid-thigh. Compression shorts may be worn to mid-thigh with an outer covering when the outer covering is shorter than mid-thigh. No students will be allowed to wear clothing that is considered to be too revealing.
8. No sunglasses (excluding ball games) unless prior approval is given by the administration.
9. No cosmetic contacts
10. No student shall have visible body piercings that can be hazardous or distracting to their or their peers' educational needs.
11. Decisions concerning appearance, dress code, and grooming will be at the principal's discretion

12. GANG ATTIRE IS NOT PERMITTED ON CAMPUS.

The wearing of gang attire at school or school functions by gang members or by other students who imitate them is disruptive and dangerous. This attire identifies students to rival elements and can result in challenges. No caps on campus unless permitted or required by staff or other personnel.

Therefore, clothing that can be identified as “GANG ATTIRE” will not be permitted or tolerated on campus. • Hairnets

- Bandanas
- Caps worn in a specific way
- Sagging or low-riding pants or shorts
- Any other clothing identified as gang attire

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