



SECTION IV: STUDENTS

POLICY 4080

DRESS CODE (ALL GRADES)

Good grooming promotes pride and good behavior and is a very important part of the general training of young people. The training is a cooperative effort of the school, parents and students. The intent of the student dress code is to restrict extremes and indecency which would interfere with the District's educational mission or threaten the safety of students. The hallmark of the exercise of disciplinary action shall be fairness. The foundation of a dress code is to provide appropriate standards for student appearance and to assist in maintaining student behavior, which is conducive to the learning environment. The building administrator shall have the authority to determine the appropriateness of any attire not specified below. In making such determination, the administrator shall consider whether the clothing, hairstyle, and/or accessory presents a safety hazard, is revealing, or is reasonably believed to disrupt the teaching and/or learning. The dress code will be enforced for grades 3rd through 12th and exceptions may be made by administration for Pre-K through 2nd.

Dress: While at school and during school-related activities, students shall comply with the following dress code requirements:

1. Apparel that is too tight or too loose is not to be worn by students. Clothing which is too revealing or does not completely cover undergarments may not be worn.
2. Skirts and Dresses: The skirt or dress must extend to the longest fingertip on the hand with the shoulders in a relaxed position and shall not be revealing, disruptive, or distract from the educational process. Skirt openings (slits) must not expose the upper leg, higher than the fingertip rule stated above.
3. Tops: Any shirt, blouse or sweater may be worn with the following conditions:
 - "See-through" shirts or blouses may not be worn.
 - Tank tops, tube tops, and muscle shirts may be worn, but not as primary garments.
 - Shirt, dress, and sleeve openings must not expose the torso, (midriff) chest, or undergarments.
4. Pants:
 - Pants which are frayed or have holes are prohibited when the frayed material or hole(s) are in the area as described by the "fingertip rule" this area begins with the top of the waistband of properly worn pants (including shorts and skirts) to the tip of the longest finger on the student's hand. Clothing that is purposely ripped, torn, and/or cut in a manner that causes a distraction to the operation of school or is a safety risk to the student or others is prohibited.
 - Form-fitting, stretch material may not be worn as a primary outer garment. Transparent or flesh colored tights or leggings may not be worn. Any tights or leggings must be covered by a dress, skirt, shirt, or shorts. Sagging is not acceptable. Pants may not ride low exposing the lower torso or undergarments.
5. Shorts: Shorts with a 4-inch inseam or fingertip rule are acceptable for school wear. No bike or spandex shorts. Shorts with a slit on the sides are not acceptable if they are above the fingertip rule. Gym shorts worn as undergarments will be treated as such.



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6. Shoes: All styles of street shoes are acceptable for school wear. Shoes with cleats or metal taps, embedded roller-skates or house shoes that limit physical activity for safety are not permitted at school.
 - Please note schools prefer students to wear tennis/athletic shoes on PE days to reduce the possibility of injury.
 - Certain types of shoes may be required for certain school activities.
7. Accessories: Examples of accessories which are not acceptable include the following:
 - Any items that obscures the eyes, face or ears that creates a distraction or is a safety issue. Exceptions to the rule can be made for medical or religious reasons upon administrative approval.
 - Gang symbols. As part of an effort to curb the presence and influence of gangs in schools, the wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling of any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other items that are evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang or other secret society is prohibited.
 - Body piercing that is disruptive or distracts from the educational process.
 - Items considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon, such as, dog collars, thick metal chains, choke chains, wallet chains, chains connecting one part of the body to another, etc.
 - Sharp or distracting objects may not be worn on a student's clothing.
8. Insignias, Monograms or Patches: Lettering or any type of sew-on patch, decal, insignia or design that conveys crude, vulgar, profane, violent, death-oriented, gang-oriented, sexually explicit or sexually suggestive messages or advertises tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is not acceptable.
9. Makeup, Tattoos and Brands: Facial make-up, tattoos, brands or other body decorations (whether temporary or permanent) that are disruptive to or distract from the educational process or convey crude, vulgar, profane, violent, death-oriented, gang-oriented, sexually explicit or sexually suggestive messages or advertise tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia are not acceptable.
10. Activity Group Uniforms: Members of selected performing activity groups may wear appropriate uniforms on a school day when an official school activity is scheduled in which the performing group is participating. Costumes and performance outfits are not permitted to be worn at school. Only those activity group uniforms that meet the requirements of the dress code may be worn during the school day when specific authorization is given by the building principal.

Enforcement of Dress Code

Provisions of the dress code are applicable to the school day and to school-related activities. Exception or modification of a provision of the dress code may be authorized by the building principal or designee for a specific school-related activity on a single-event basis. The principal or other designated school official of each school is delegated the authority to determine the proper action to be taken in issues related to the dress code.



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Formal Wear Policy

Formal wear policy for Broken Arrow High School and the Freshman Academy is defined in the Secondary Student Handbook and is considered a Board of Education policy.

Religious and Health Accommodation

If a legitimate religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the dress code, reasonable accommodation shall be considered by the building administrator. The administrator shall, for example, keep in mind that the ban against the wearing of hats, hoods, and caps serves the purposes of showing respect for authority, removing obstructions in the line of sight between students and teachers, and denying a place to conceal contraband or cheat sheets. A head scarf worn for religious or health reasons would not show disrespect toward authority, would not any more obstruct the line of vision between students and teachers because the scarf compresses hair more than hair worn without a scarf, and a head scarf tight against the head would not reasonably be a place to conceal contraband or cheat sheets because the scarf is pressed against the head and would reveal these items. Any parent or legal guardian of a student desiring accommodation on the basis of a religious or health condition shall notify the school principal in writing of the requested accommodation and factual basis for the request.

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