

NOLAN MS DRESS CODE

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not present a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing will be worn as it is designed to be worn. All dress code issues will be subject to the **campus administrator's judgment**. Students who are considered to be in violation of the dress code shall be advised by the campus administrator and shall be given an opportunity to comply. The opportunity to comply may take a variety of forms. In most cases the student will be allowed to call parents for a change of clothes. While awaiting the change of clothes, the student may be required to (a) wait in the office; (b) attend ISS; (c) go to class (if not a severe violation); or (d) any other option deemed necessary or appropriate by the administrator. Those who then fail to comply or who repeatedly violate the code shall be subject to disciplinary action. Exceptions to the dress code include students who wear principal approved uniforms on designated dates and who participate as members of official school groups or organizations. Certain elective courses or extra-curricular activities may require more stringent dress or appearance standards than for the general student body.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

- Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
- Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverage, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.
- Contain derogatory remarks concerning any identifiable race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, or disability.

The following standards of dress and grooming apply except as noted:

1. Pants, slacks, and jeans are acceptable attire. Spandex pants or shorts, boxer shorts, and shorts or pants with holes any higher than 6" above the knee are not permitted: (Grades 6-12). Pants or shorts shall not be more than one size too large, and must be worn at the waist, with no "sagging." Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately sized and may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or may conceal contraband. Shirts may not extend beyond the student's fingertips when worn outside the pants or a skirt.

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2. "Sagging" (wearing pants below the waistline or showing underwear) is not permitted.
3. As a general guideline, dress/skirt length and shorts should be no shorter than 6 inches above the top of the knee, and must allow students to walk, stoop, kneel, and sit with modesty.

4. Apparel designed for recreation, such as tank tops, fishnet (mesh) shirts, etc., is unacceptable. **ELEMENTARY ONLY:** Shorts, and skirts can be no more than 4" above the knee. Tank tops and similar apparel may be worn by students in grades Pre K-2, especially in hot weather.
5. Apparel designed as underwear or night wear may not be visible or worn as outer garments.
6. Tight and/or revealing clothing or accessories that may draw undue attention to the student is prohibited. Clothing which is of transparent and/or see-through material should not be worn. Students must wear tops that cover the upper body (ex. no halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, etc.) and shoulders, and extend beyond the midriff leaving no skin exposed in the normal activities associated with school.
7. Head coverings, bandanas (in any manner), hoods, and sweatbands may not be worn inside the building. The campus administrator must approve any exceptions to this policy for religious or medical reasons.
8. Students must wear footwear which is appropriate for school. Examples of inappropriate footwear, although not inclusive, are the following: house slippers, shoe skates, water shoes, sock shoes, and shoes with metal spikes.
9. Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed. Facial hair, if worn, must be neat and well-trimmed. Types of apparel, including jewelry, trench coats, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other items or manner of grooming which, by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute indicates or implies gang membership or affiliation, or would substantially disrupt, distract, or materially interfere with the school environment, activity, and/or educational objectives, are prohibited on school grounds, or at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location.
10. Photo ID cards will be issued to all secondary (grades 6-12) students, except those assigned to the Gateway MS or HS. They will be required to be worn at all times, visible from the front (at the waist or above) while at school or at school functions, and while riding to and from school on district transportation.

Students who attend schools where a **standard dress policy** has been approved may have additional dress code provisions. The additional dress code requirements will be disseminated to students by the campus personnel.