

La Mesa Junior High School

Dress Code

The Governing Board for the William S. Hart Union High School District has adopted the following “Dress Code Policy” BP 51321. It states: “Appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for school activities in which they participate. Students’ clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process.”

The three criteria for the establishment of this dress code are:

- a) safety
- b) modesty
- c) to make the school environment conducive to educational pursuits

CLOTHING

- Clothes can be no more than one size larger than necessary:
- Pants must fit at the waist and at the crotch.
- Clothes must be modest.
- Tops must conceal undergarments and be long enough to cover the stomach and the chest. See-through, fishnet, halter, off-the-shoulder, low-cut, or immodest tops are not to be worn.
- Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh.
- No pajamas or swimwear may be worn.
- Clothing that advocates tobacco, drugs or alcohol or disruptive/gang activities or violence may not be worn. Clothing and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive or which advocates racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice.
- Clothing with professional sports team logos are prohibited at the request of the school resource deputy for safety reasons.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- Safe shoes shall be worn at all times. Flip-flops and slippers are not allowed. If a shoe can be folded in half, it is considered a slipper. Steel-toed shoes or shoes with a rolling device (“Heelies”) are not allowed.

ACCESSORIES

- Only approved La Mesa headwear may be worn. Approved La Mesa headwear may be purchased from the student store for use on campus. Headwear must be worn as intended and may not be worn in the classroom.
- No knit caps (beanies), scarves, bandanas, or hair rollers are to be worn on campus.
- Hair shall be clean, neat, and not distracting.
- For safety reasons, facial piercings, spikes on any accessories or jewelry, and large hoop earrings are prohibited. Large or initialed belt buckles are also prohibited.

La Mesa reserves the right to prohibit anything not expressly addressed in this dress code which the administration determines to be offensive, unsafe, or disruptive to the educational process.

Violations of the above provisions of the student dress code will result in confiscation for release to parents of the inappropriate clothing item (s). Items should be claimed within five (5) school days to insure their safe return. Items left for thirty (30) days will be considered abandoned and will be donated to charity. Disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, warnings, conferences, parent contacts, opportunity room, detentions, Saturday School, suspension and transfer to another school will be employed as necessary to ensure compliance with the dress code policy.