

**La Mesa Junior High School**  
**2010-2011 Student Dress and Grooming 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.”

**Here is La Mesa’s Dress Code:**

**Shoes:** SAFE SHOES shall be worn at all times. Slippers and high heels are not allowed. Steel-toed shoes and shoes with a rolling device are not allowed. Footwear must be safe and not distracting.

**Tops/Shirts:** Tops and shirts shall conceal undergarments at all times. Straps must be more than 2” in width. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, sleeveless undershirts and bare midriffs are prohibited. This also applies to tops worn with overalls.

Tops shall completely cover the student regardless of movement. Wearing leggings underneath a skirt or shorts does not change the length requirement.

**Bottoms:** Bottoms shall conceal undergarments at all times. Excessively tight clothing is unacceptable.

**Pants:** No baggy or sagging pants. Pajama bottoms are not allowed. Pants must not be sagging (especially at the crotch), and must be worn at the waist (and may not be rolled down). Belt tips may not hang. Pants shall be the correct size and fit at the waist (e.g., students with a 32” waist should not wear pants larger than 32”).

**Shorts/Skirts** – Skirts and shorts must fit sensibly and modestly. As a rule of thumb, a student should be able to stand with their arms at their sides and shorts and skirts should come below their fingertips. Oversized shorts with socks pulled up are considered gang related and are therefore prohibited.

**Clothing:** Oversized clothing is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, oversized shorts, oversized pants, oversized shirts and other oversized articles of clothing.

Clothing that advocates and/or portrays weapons, drugs, gangs, alcohol, tobacco, or disruptive/gang activities are prohibited. Clothing, jewelry and accessories shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, violent, profane, or sexually suggestive or which advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice. Clothes (and books or other materials) will be confiscated if they have tagging-style or gang related writing or markings on them. Mittens should only be worn during inclement weather. Any attire that can be deemed dangerous to a student when worn based on input from the sheriff's department is not permitted. Suspenders are also not allowed.

TATTERED, RIPPED, or TORN clothing is not acceptable.

Hats: Hats, visors, beanies, scarves, and bandanas are NOT permitted on campus. Sweatshirt hoods or beanies may only be worn during inclement weather and may not be worn inside the classroom. These items are subject to confiscation if rules are not followed.

Sunglasses: Sunglasses are prohibited.

Accessories: Heavy chains and jewelry with dangerous points, or spikes are prohibited. Also, any jewelry that promotes violence is also prohibited. Any body piercing that presents a safety issue or major distraction will not be allowed. Violation of the above provisions of the student dress code will result in confiscation of inappropriate clothing item(s) and loaners will be provided. Students will return loaner items washed within five days in order to collect any confiscated items. Students who do not return loaner items will receive a Saturday School. Items left after five days will be considered abandoned and will be donated to charity. Disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, warnings, conferences, parent contacts, paper pick up, opportunity room assignments, detentions, Saturday School, and suspensions will be employed, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the school policy.