

Sierra Vista Junior High School
2011-2012 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."

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 for boys and girls must have sleeves that completely cover the shoulders and all undergarments despite movement. No tank tops of any kind are allowed.** See-through or fish-net fabrics (including tops with see-through lace), halter tops, 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. Oversized and long shirts are not allowed. **Boys** should not have shirts any more than one size larger than their actual size, and shirts may not come past the student's wrist.

Bottoms: **Bottoms shall conceal undergarments at all times.** Excessively tight clothing is unacceptable, and leggings may not be worn as pants. Pajama bottoms are not allowed. **Pants, skirts, and shorts may not have excessive rips or tears, despite current fashion, and we reserve the right to determine what is excessive or inappropriate. Additionally, tears above the finger-tip rule (see below under shorts/skirts) must not show skin or be revealing in any way.**

BOYS: No baggy or sagging pants/shorts. Pants/shorts must not be too long or 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. **A student should be able to stand with their arms at their sides and shorts/skirts must come below their fingertips or below mid-thigh (whichever is LONGER).** *Wearing leggings underneath a skirt or shorts does not change the length requirement* and cut-off shorts are not allowed (even if purchased that way). Oversized/long 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 is prohibited. Clothing, jewelry and accessories shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignias which are crude, vulgar, violent, profane, or sexually suggestive, or which advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice. Clothes, backpacks, 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.

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 at any time. These items are subject to confiscation if rules are not followed.

Accessories: Heavy chains, belt buckles, and jewelry with inappropriate language, Old English writing, dangerous points or spikes, or items that promote violence or sexually suggestive material are prohibited. Any body piercing that presents a safety issue or major distraction will not be allowed. **Sunglasses are prohibited.**

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 may 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.

"Dress for Respect!!"