

APPEARANCE and ATTIRE

Many aspects of child rearing belong in the home and are the responsibility of the parent. Student appearance is one of these and we consider each student a representative of the child's parent and family. A person's appearance leads to favorable or unfavorable impressions. Therefore, we solicit the assistance of all parents in sending their sons and daughters to school respectable in appearance and attire. Graffiti and/or other student generated insignias or writings inscribed on clothing or on oneself, is distracting and will not be allowed. Graffiti on school issued materials (such as book covers) or on personal property (on school grounds) is also considered inappropriate and is not allowed.

It is also recognized that fashion trends may cover a wide range of attire and hair styles. However, the school feels it is necessary to remind students and parents that all hair styles, manner of dress and grooming must be consistent with safety, cleanliness and decency. Parents and students are reminded that clothing designers and manufacturers are in the business to make a profit. These agencies do not consult with school officials before developing their new fashions and therefore the student's clothing is not always appropriate for school purposes. Appearance which is disruptive to the students will not be allowed. In classes where safety can be affected by the type of clothing and hairstyles, the instructor may establish appropriate criteria which must be followed by the student.

Realizing that dress and appearance affect some attitudes, students should dress in a manner conducive to good conduct and appearance in order to help create a positive learning environment. Dress shorts may be worn. Students choosing to wear "dress shorts" should use proper discretion regarding the seasonal climate. Neither Physical Education shorts nor cut-offs are considered as "dress shorts". (Examples of PE shorts may be such as nylon or satin fabric, and/or possibly an elastic waistband, etc). Students using improper discretion will not be allowed in school until proper clothing is obtained. Students will be recorded as an **unexcused** absence until the proper attire is obtained. (Violators may have shirts sweats, and belts provided at the office, or pants delivered from home).

CLOTHING THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE INCLUDES:

1. Wearing apparel that is sexually suggestive such as clothing that reveals an inappropriate neckline (cleavage) or comments or illustrations across one's buttock region; features crude, vulgar or profane language, features pictures or language depicting tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs; displays racial, sexual or ethnic slurs or portrays any type of gang affiliation, confrontational logos or messages which encourages violence, are not acceptable.
2. Clothing which is unnecessarily distracting to the learning environment. (Examples; cut-up jeans, holes must be patched, sewn, or material beneath to ensure no visible skin areas revealed) boxer shorts, pajama pants, leggings without appropriate cover, suspenders worn in the appropriate manner, cut-offs or "frayed edges" (without hem) clothing, no shoes, slippers (and look-alikes) mesh shirts with no undergarments, any shirt allowing the midriff area to be visible (as a guide, a shirt should be of length that would allow it to be tucked into the pants, jeans, or shorts). Tank tops, must cover the entire shoulder area and under arm area. Hats/caps must be removed when entering the building. Students wearing hats in the building will be required to pay a \$.50 redemption fee in the office after school. If hats are worn on school grounds, including school activities, they are to be worn in the manner of which they were intended, bill forward and balanced on the head. Coats or jackets are not allowed to be worn within the classroom and must remain in the locker after arriving. Short shorts.....less than 3" inseam, short skirts or dresses, biking tights/shorts, jeans/pants/or tops that are excessively long, are unacceptable forms of dress.
3. Bagging and sagging pants. Clothing worn in this manner can present a threat to the safe and orderly learning environment of the school. Oversized clothing is not recommended and may be restricted from the school setting if it is determined that such attire creates the potential for an interruption of a safe and orderly learning environment. Baggy oversized pants and other clothing is prohibited. NOTE: Students wearing inappropriate shirts/tops will wear a t-shirt provided by the office. Students in need of a change of pants/shorts/shoes will be recorded as "unexcused" class while awaiting a change of clothing.

Additional points of importance include the following:

- a. Pants are to be worn on the waist.
- b. T-shirts, sports jerseys, sweatshirts, or sweaters that are long or extremely loose-fitting should not extend below the front pockets when the pants of the student are properly positioned on his/her waist. Articles of clothing that exceed this length must be tucked into the pants with the belt or waist-line of the pants visible.
- c. The wearing or displaying of gang/group-related apparel such as hairnets, wigs, bandannas, insignias, nor tattoos, are not permitted. Graffiti on oneself must be removed and tattoos, removed or completely covered at all times. Gloves are not allowed in the classrooms nor are personal non-approved fidgets, spinners, gadgets nor distasteful inappropriate jewelry or bracelets.
- d. Wallet chains and lanyards are not permitted and will be confiscated. .
- e. Overalls with unfastened straps are not permitted. Overalls are to be worn in the intended manner, over the shoulders and fastened.
- f. Extra-long with the excess hanging loosely are prohibited. All belts are to be tucked in around the waist.
- g. Cell phones and devices such as the Apple Watch, Gizmo Pals, etc, are not allowed on school grounds, nor are other electronic games nor cellular equipment allowed on the school premises nor school buses during regular or extended hours which include middle school extra-curricular activities whether in Aurora or while invited guests of another school. (Middle School students will be allowed to bring a cell phone to high school activities, however under no

circumstances are cell phones allowed in locker rooms, restrooms or on campus during the regular school day) Laser lights are also prohibited due to possible distractions and potential injury to others. Cameras are not allowed on school grounds without permission from the principal. These rules also apply when students are riding on the bus, to and home from school, as well as to extra-curricular activities.

Consequences for the above infractions:

1. 1st offense – Confiscated equipment. Detention and parent/guardian may pick the equipment up at the end of the day.
 2. 2nd offense – Confiscated equipment. 1 day in I.S.S. and parent/guardian may pick the equipment up after the 5th school day or pay \$5.00 redemption fee.
 3. 3rd offense – Confiscated equipment. 2 days in I.S.S. and parent/guardian may pick the equipment up after 10th school day or pay \$10.00 redemption fee.
 4. Infractions beyond the 3rd day will be addressed on an individual basis.
- h. Hair coloring which lead to distractions within the educational environment, such as; temporary dyes, glitter or coloring other than the natural colors of black, auburn, blonde, or brown, are not acceptable.
- i. All visible body piercing (including tongue piercing) by students of Aurora Public Schools is prohibited, with exception to ear piercing. Ear adornment regulations shall be in accordance with the Aurora District 4R, Board of Education policy. Distracting, exotic, or distasteful adornments such as bars or chains within or on the ear are not allowed. From the standpoint of safety, points, spears, prongs (gauges), nor excessively long earrings are not allowed.
- j. Coats, large pull-over jackets, nor any outerwear clothing (including school sponsored attire) gym bags or book bags, are inappropriate within the classrooms. These items are to be stored in the student academic locker. Sweatshirts and sweaters with a hood and zipper are appropriate if not oversized.

In each of the situations described above, the implications are not conducive to a positive learning climate. A proactive response to what may be negative or divisive is appropriate for all circumstances that could place the safe and orderly learning environment of the school in jeopardy. The above regulations pertain to the student's academic day, including P.E. and all extra-curricular activities whether scheduled in Aurora or invited guests of another community. Out of respect to your school and any school of

which we are an invited guest, the same clothing and attire rules apply during the regular school day and the extended school day while at extracurricular activities. (The exception, hats may be worn at athletic events; however, they are to be worn in the intended manner (bill upright and forward)). Consequences will be imposed with any of the above and previous mentioned infraction. **Final decisions regarding dress code issues will be made by the Principal.**

The image contains two illustrations of students. On the left is a boy wearing a bandana, a tank top with a 'BEER' logo, and baggy pants. On the right is a girl wearing a baseball cap, a tube top, and shorts. Surrounding these illustrations are several boxes containing dress code rules.

Rules for Boys (Left):

- No bandanas for boys and girls
- No tank tops or shirts that are oversized and hang below the top of your pants pockets
- No baggy or sagging pants. Pants must be worn at your waist and not dragging on the floor

General Rules (Center):

- No hats inside the building. Not sideways or backwards on school grounds
- No tattoos and only ear piercing allowed
- No clothing with alcohol or tobacco advertising or gang insignias/graffiti
- No exposed underwear
- Clothes must be in good repair - NO holes
- Belts must be in your belt loops, not hanging down

Rules for Girls (Right):

- No hair coloring other than "natural" shades of black, brown, blonde or auburn. No color hairspray
- No tube tops, tops with spaghetti straps, or tops that expose cleavage. Tank tops must cover entire shoulder area and under arm area
- No tops or pants that expose skin when you raise your hands or sit down
- No short shorts with an inseam of less than 3 inches or skirts shorter than fingertip length