

## Cayuga ISD Dress Code Policy 2020 - 2021

### Dress Code

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Student dress reflects the quality of the school and affects students' conduct. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration or hair style extreme enough to create a distraction or disturb the normal routine of school shall be deemed inappropriate. The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

#### I. General Guidelines

- All students are to practice personal hygiene.
- Clothing, accessories, or styles that express vulgarity, suggestive or controversial designs, promote drugs, alcohol or tobacco, promote violence, solicit racial discord or promote gang related activity (i.e. trench coats) as well as styles that might create a distraction from the learning process are not permitted.

#### II. Hair

- Students are expected to keep their hair neat, well-groomed, and out of their faces.
- Hair may not be spiked nor have designs shaved next to the scalp. Hair must be cut neatly with no lines other than a single part. Designs cut into eyebrows are also prohibited.
- Mohawk haircuts will not be allowed (the top is significantly longer than the sides). “Fauxhawk” haircuts are allowed only if the hair is uniform in length and must be maintained in a neatly groomed way.
- Hair may not be dyed or bleached a color unnatural to hair color. Excessive or distracting make-up/ hair color is not allowed. Unacceptable hair colors include purple, blue, orange, green, fire engine red, etc. **Acceptable natural hair colors are black, brown, blonde, and red. Hair may be two toned or highlighted.**
- Boy’s hair will not be allowed to touch the shirt collar, to extend below the ear lobes, nor extend over the eyebrows in front.
- Boys may not have ponytails, rat-tails, “man buns”/knots, or Mohawks. Any braids extending beyond the shirt collar will not be permitted.
- Excessive hair on face, mustaches, goatees (chin hair), or beards are not permitted. Faces must be clean shaven and sideburns must be neatly trimmed, not extending below the ear.
- Campus administrators will make final determinations about acceptable hair length, color and style.

### III. Clothing

- All clothing must be free from holes or tears. Holes and tears must be covered by a sewn patch. Leggings or tights may NOT be worn under jeans with holes or tears.
- All shirts must be buttoned within four inches of the collar unless an appropriate shirt is worn underneath.
- Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Undershirts are not acceptable as outerwear. Shirts without sleeves must have straps that are at least 2 ½ inches wide, the width of a dollar bill.
- Students may not wear see-through blouses or shirts with gaping underarms without appropriate undershirts.
- Halter tops, tube tops, crop tops, backless, racerback, or low-cut shirts are not permitted. Student's midriffs may not be exposed when both hands are raised.
- Cutoffs, wind shorts, boxer shorts, PE/Athletic issued shorts, running or jogging shorts, bicycling shorts or pants are not to be worn. In addition, no fitted sweatpants, including joggers (tight lightweight sweatpants) will be allowed.
- Students may wear hemmed shorts/skorts to an appropriate length as defined by campus administration. Acceptable length is defined as 5 inches above the knee, front and back (length of a dollar bill). *Elementary Only: Students may wear dress-code appropriate shorts over leggings.*
- The waistband of pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Extremely sagging clothing will not be allowed. Only name brands may be on the seat of pants or shorts.
- Skin-tight clothing such as dance wear, yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, leotards, or biker shorts are only permitted as layers under appropriate clothing. In addition, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants and exercise pants may only be worn with a long shirt or sweater that covers both the front and back within 5 inches of the knee.
- Pajamas and house shoes are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes or shoes designed for beach or bath wear will not be permitted. *Elementary only: Shoes worn by elementary students must have some type of closure on the back. Elementary students may not wear clogs, slides, flip-flops or other styles of footwear that are open-backed.*

### IV. Accessories

- No head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods may be worn in the building. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.
- Earrings may be worn by girls only. No gauges are allowed.
- Body piercings are not allowed, Eyebrow rings, spacers, nose rings or any other visible piercing other than earrings are not permitted. Covering an unauthorized piercing will not suffice, it must be removed.
- Skin decorations including permanent or temporary tattoos, symbols, words etc. must be concealed/covered at all times.

- Accessories that could be used as or considered a weapon, including but not limited to wallet chains and/or choke chains are not allowed.
- Boys may not wear make-up, finger or toenail polish.
- Headphones are not to be worn on campus during school hours except for MS and HS students at breakfast / break and or lunch.

## **V. Other**

- *High School Only - Backpacks/book bags* may not be carried from class to class, but kept in the locker upon arrival at school and until leaving the building. Athletic bags must be kept in the athletic lockers inside the gym dressing area.

Final decisions on the appropriateness of school dress rest with the campus administration. If the principal determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be subject to appropriate discipline by the school administration.

**Note: Changes / additions are highlighted.**