

Personal Appearance and Dress Code Policy*

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board takes pride in the appearance of its students. Dress reflects personal integrity and implies attitude toward self, school and conduct. Therefore, students are expected to dress and groom neatly in apparel suitable for school activities. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the school or the health and safety of others. Clothing that is disruptive or that detracts from the educational process or is destructive to school property is inappropriate. Because the school environment is a workplace, acceptable clothing for school may be different than clothing that may be worn in other environments. State health standards require footwear to be worn at all times when on school campuses.

When in doubt, parents and students should select more conservative clothing. Students deemed inappropriate in their attire will be directed to the administration office to obtain acceptable clothing and may result in further disciplinary action. Parents will be notified for repeat offenses.

The following items are considered inappropriate for the school settings:

- Any attire such as, but not limited to, exposing chest, cleavage, abdomen, genital area, or buttocks.
- Any attire deemed to be gang related. This includes any altered clothing such as, but not limited to, bandannas, memory shirts and headgear, including do rags.
- Any attire that is deemed to be vulgar, profane, racially or sexually suggestive, or obscene.
- Any attire that presents a risk to the health, safety or general welfare.
- Any attire that creates threat, intimidation, or undue pressure.
- Jewelry that presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.
- Clothing or patches that advertise, display or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco (in any form), drug paraphernalia, or illegal substances of any type.
- Low-cut shirts, see-through shirts, bare-midriff shirts, or clothing that is backless or revealing.
- Hats worn in any building.
- Tank tops with shoulder widths less than two inches.
- Shorts need to be long enough so there is no inappropriate exposure of the body when a student bends over.
- Muscle shirts, undergarments worn as outer garments, tube tops, short skirts or short shorts, pants that drag excessively to the ground, trench coats, or any clothing that allows your underwear or bare skin to show at the waist.
- Visible tattoos that are considered inappropriate.
- Blankets, sleeping bags and/or bedding.
- PJs and slippers.

Students who violate the dress code policy are subject to the disciplinary code.

*(Queen Creek Middle Schools - Family Handbook; Section 17, Pages 39 – 40.)