

La Vernia High School—DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene which prevents disruption and minimizes safety hazards. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the administrator's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption or interference with normal school operations. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or clothes that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, suggestive, obscene, depict violence, or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under Board Policy FNCF. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards provided they comply with these general guidelines and the District's dress code for students outline in this handbook.

When a faculty member deems a student in violation of the dress code, that faculty member will notify the campus administration of the violation. If the administrator or his/her designee determines that the student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the consequence assigned will be at the discretion of the administrator or his/her designee. If, in the administrator's or designee's judgment, the dress violation constitutes a lewd and/or distracting nature, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated offenses shall result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases. Faculty members should follow classroom disciplinary plans for minor dress code violations.

The administrator, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the administrator or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action. **The principal and assistant principals have final authority to determine the appropriateness of a student's dress and grooming on their campus.**

STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTABLE GROOMING – ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Consistent with the policy of La Vernia Independent School District stating that good grooming is considered to be a function of the educational process, the following standards of grooming will govern the individual schools in the District.

DRESS CODE FOR ALL STUDENTS SECONDARY GRADES 6-12

Any apparel/dress/appearance considered by the school administration to be disruptive, inappropriate, or gang related is prohibited. A dress code decision by the campus administrator may not be appealed. Specific examples follow.

- Pants and jeans shall be worn in an appropriate manner and must be in reasonably good condition. Slacks, pants, or jeans that are extremely tight, baggy (sagging), or extreme in design are prohibited. **Jeans with shredding or holes that are more than four (4) inches above the knee are also prohibited. Skin must not show.**
- **Bicycle/spandex or other similar tight-fitting shorts or leggings/jeggings are prohibited unless worn under the appropriate garment, of the appropriate length or coverage. The appropriate garment length is no more than four (4) inches above the knee (as measured in the front, back, and sides).**
- T-shirts of the underwear type may be worn only during physical education/athletic classes. Fish net, muscle shirts, t-back, racer back, sheer, and/or tank tops are prohibited.
- Shirts shall not reveal the midriff.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn on campus at all times. Bedroom slippers and hazardous shoes (such as cleats, or steel toed boots) are prohibited.
- Caps, hats, or hoods of any type are prohibited unless approved by a licensed physician or campus administrator.
- Facial, skin, or body piercing rings, gauges, or ornaments are prohibited. Display of disruptive chains or jewelry is also prohibited.
- All tattoos are prohibited and must be covered by the student.
- **Hair shall be cut or styled to a length that provides a neat, well-groomed appearance. Hair shall be kept out of the eyes.** Hair that is dyed/colored either in a manner or color that is unnatural (green, blue, striped, etc.), or is styled in a manner that would cause disruption (spiked, mohawk, shaved designs, etc.), is prohibited.
- Undergarments shall not be visible at any time.
- **Clothing shall not be shorter four (4) inches above the knee (as measured in the front, back, and sides.)**
- Clothing or accessories, with pictures or messages, may be deemed inappropriate by an administrator or designee.

DRESS CODE SPECIFICS FOR MALE STUDENTS

- Wearing ear jewelry is prohibited.
- **Students shall be clean-shaven; beards and/or mustaches are not allowed.**
- **Male students may not have ponytails or buns.**
- Sleeveless shirts are prohibited.

DRESS CODE SPECIFICS FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

- Tops and dresses with straps less than two (2) inches in width shall not be worn unless accompanied by clothing that provides full coverage.
- Tops and dresses that are lower than three (3) inches from the collar bone and/or reveal cleavage are prohibited.