

ARTESIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, teach respect for authority, and prepare students for their future employment settings. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean, neat, not a health or safety hazard to themselves or others, and appropriate for the daily activities. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the school administrator's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations, to present a clear and present danger to the student's health and safety, or to cause a material interference with the educational environment.

The following must be adhered to:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- The hemline for shorts, dresses, and skirts must be of sufficient length to cover body parts in a manner appropriate for school.
- Spandex-type material, Yoga pants, or Leggings are prohibited when worn as outer clothing. An outer garment (shirt, sweater, dress, skirt, shorts, etc.) must cover spandex, Yoga material, or Leggings, and the outer garment must be of sufficient length to cover body parts in a manner appropriate for school.
- Pant stride and waistline must be in the normal position. Sagging clothing is prohibited.
- See-through or off-the-shoulder clothing is prohibited. Tops/shirts/blouses must be of sufficient length to cover the top of the trousers, skirt, or shorts if the student's hands are raised about the head. Bare midriff is prohibited. Revealing tops such as halter-tops, spaghetti straps, half-shirts, tank tops, and muscle shirts are prohibited. Top/shirt/blouse must be one complete piece on the front, back, and sides (i.e., no cut-outs, rips, tears). No bras, bralettes, or bra straps may be visible.
- Clothing with inappropriate wording or pictures is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to pictures, emblems, writings, colors, and styles of clothing that:
 - Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or sexual in nature.
 - Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under state or federal law.
 - Refer to, symbolize, or promote racism, violence, cult, or gang activities.
- No student on or about school property or at any school activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang, or promote violence against others.
- Excessive piercings, spiked jewelry, or jewelry creating a health or safety hazard or a distraction are prohibited.
- Chains are prohibited.
- Tattoos which are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or distracting to student learning are not allowed to be visibly displayed at school or school activities.

*The district and school-site discipline matrices should be utilized for dress code violations. When possible, a student should correct a dress code violation immediately and return to class. In-School Suspension and/or Suspension may be warranted for certain or repeat infractions.