

Kimberly School District

STUDENTS 3224R

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The Board of Trustees of Kimberly School District recognizes the individual right of students to choose their style of dress. The Board expects and requires students to dress appropriately for the school setting which is the students' workplace. This means students are to dress in such a manner that their clothing or grooming does not jeopardize the health and/or safety of themselves or others. The Board asks all students to be mindful of the sensitivities of others. The school dress code shall be gender neutral during the school day as well as school activities. The District will allow students to dress in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity as long as it is not in violation of the dress code.

Inasmuch as it is the duty of the Kimberly Board of Trustees to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students, the board requires students to wear clothing that is clean, in good repair and not disruptive to the educational process. We expect clothes to be modest. By this statement our intent is for outer clothes to cover underwear completely. In addition, spaghetti string blouses/dresses, bare midriffs, tank tops, tube tops, off the shoulder tops, half tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, or tops with plunging necklines (showing cleavage) are not acceptable. While standing, skirts and shorts must be not more than 3" above the top of the knees. In addition, transparent or "see through" clothes are not acceptable. "Sagging" pants, pajamas, slippers, other sleepwear, hats, beanies, (including sunglasses), and excessive makeup are by definition distracting and disruptive to the educational process and are not allowed.

Clothing, jewelry, and/or grooming habit that is disruptive of the educational process include, but are not limited to, items that depict illegal or immoral acts, clothing which depicts by word or picture, and items that are obscene, lewd, indecent, or offensive. In addition, clothing or visible tattoos with any direction or words describing, advertising, or glorifying any alcohol product, tobacco product, any illegal drug or substance, the occult, gangs, or gang activities are disruptive to the educational process and are likewise prohibited.

Kimberly School district allows 2 locations for facial piercings:

- Ear piercing
- Nose piercing – a students with a nose piercing must wear a stud type piercing.
No hoops, rings, or dangling jewelry from the nose.

All other visible body piercing, magnetic jewelry/glued jewelry on the face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue or feet are also prohibited and must be removed. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects, or other jewelry deemed unsafe is not allowed at school.

The principal and staff at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extra-curricular or other special school activities.

A student seeking a religious exception to the dress code will be handled by the administration.

The administrators as well as teachers are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress codes in their classes, hallways, and within campus boundaries. If it is determined that a student's attire is disruptive of the educational atmosphere or is detrimental to the health and safety of the student or other students, or otherwise violates this policy, said student will be asked to change their clothes (if possible) at school, or will be sent home to change into suitable clothing before coming back to school. Parents or guardians will be notified each time a student is asked to leave school because of inappropriate attire.

If a student is repeatedly sent home under this policy, the student and their parents will be required to meet with the Superintendent, or his designee, to discuss and resolve this matter. All time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences. Repeated failure to follow this policy may result in further discipline.

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