

# Aviara Oaks Middle School

## DRESS CODE AND GROOMING POLICY

California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 302 states:

**“A pupil who goes to school without proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness or neatness of dress, may be sent home to be properly prepared for school, or shall be required to prepare himself for the school room before entering.”**

*Aviara Oaks Middle School not only provides academic education but also life skills education, which includes appropriate dress and grooming. The faculty believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment and that distractions to this educational environment are not beneficial to student learning. While students have the right to make individual choices from a range of clothing and grooming styles, they are expected to attend school in clean, neat clothing and make choices that do not present a distraction or a health/safety hazard to the educational process. Students in violation of the dress code policy are subject to disciplinary action.*

**School dress code applies to all school activities, including dress-up days, field trips and dances. Please respect the dress code. The Administration always reserves the right to determine what is appropriate or inappropriate.**

- Clothing must be neat, clean, and fit properly.
- Clothing and accessories cannot advertise, promote, or glamorize any of the following: drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, violence, weapons, or display foul or sexually suggestive language or symbols.
- Pants must stay up to your waist. **"SAGGING" IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- Clothing that is revealing such as tops that are strapless, see-through, low-cut, or expose the midriff are not permitted.
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time.
- Tops must cover undergarments, chest, back, and midriff areas. Tank tops with 'lasagna' straps **(2 inches or more wide)** are acceptable but spaghetti straps and racer-back tops are unacceptable.
- Shorts or skirts must be mid-thigh in length **(1 inch beyond finger length).**
- Footwear must adequately protect feet and not interfere with required school activities. Shoes must **ADHERE** to the foot; therefore, they must have a back covering. **Flip flops are not permitted (unless directed by a doctor's excuse).**
- Students may not wear clothing, including bandanas, that denotes or implies gang affiliation.
- Pajamas and slippers are not permitted.
- Cosmetics may be worn but not brought to school.
- Jewelry, wallet, and accessories that, in the opinion of the staff attract undue attention or could pose a threat to the safety of others are not permitted. Wallet chains are not allowed at school. Accessories may not have metal studs or spikes.
- Hats, bandanas and knit caps may **NOT** be worn indoors. Bills of hats must be worn facing forward. Hoods may only be worn while passing through the rain.
- No rollerblades or shoes with wheels allowed.

In an effort to maintain the belief that education is our primary purpose, the staff will address new fads that occur during the school year such as extreme hairstyles, etc. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above policy please contact an administrator at (760)331-6100.

### Consequences for dress code violations:

- 1st offense: Change clothes**
- 2nd offense: Change clothes, detention, and call parent**
- 3rd offense: Change clothes, call parent, referral for defiance.**