

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Arab City Board of Education recognizes the effect that student dress and grooming have upon student behavior and commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board of Education requires appropriate dress and hygiene with regard to personal appearance. Clothing that is considered inappropriate, distracting, or disruptive or that presents a health or safety problem will not be allowed.

With this in mind, the following dress codes are mandatory for all students attending Arab City Schools. Students who fail to follow these rules will be subject to Class I disciplinary actions outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Subsequent violations of the dress code will result in the student being subject to Class II disciplinary actions.

KINDERGARTEN—GRADE 5

1. Students are expected to be clean and neatly dressed at all times.
2. Any form of dress that is destructive or disruptive to the instructional program will not be permitted.
3. Short shorts, halters, midriffs, fish-net shirts, etc. will not be permitted.
4. Clothing such as shirts, caps, etc. advertising alcoholic beverages or those with obscene, vulgar, or otherwise questionable printing in poor taste as measured against community standards will not be permitted.
5. Metal cleats and taps will not be permitted on boots or shoes because of their destructive and/or disruptive nature.
6. High heel shoes are not permitted.
7. Only clear or mesh backpacks are permitted. Contents of backpacks must be fully visible.

Any questions relating to appropriate attire that are not addressed in the Kindergarten-Grade 5 guidelines shall be covered under the Grades 6-12 dress code guidelines.

GRADES 6-12

1. Any clothing, appearance, or personal hygiene and grooming practices that are distracting or disruptive to the learning environment or when judged by community standards will be deemed inappropriate for school. The dress and/or grooming style of any student must not interfere with or distract from the educational process of any Arab City School.

2. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to be worn, i.e., clothing worn backward or inside-out, or suspenders/overalls undone are not allowed. Specifically, pants are to be worn at the natural waistline with a belt if needed. Excessively large clothing of any kind is not permitted.
3. Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner.
 - A. Backless dresses or tops may not expose the back below the shoulder blades.
 - B. Strapless dresses or tops, or spaghetti strap tops are not to be worn.
 - C. Undergarments shall not be exposed.
 - D. No short tops shall be worn that will expose the midriff area.
 - E. Tank tops are prohibited.
 - F. Low-cut dresses, shirts, and blouses are prohibited.
 - G. Pajamas may not be worn
4. All clothes should be in a state of good repair. Clothing with holes, rips, or tears may not be worn.
5. Length of shorts is required to be at least mid-thigh in both front and back while sitting or standing. Mid-thigh is defined as the point on the leg beyond the fingertip with arms and fingers fully extended at the sides. Dresses and skirts are required to be nearly knee length. Spandex shorts (biker shorts) are not permitted.
6. Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the educational process—excessively noisy jewelry and/or belts. Body piercing of any kind, except for the ear, is not allowed for males or females.
7. Tattoos that, by their content, violate any of the provisions of the Student Dress Code Guidelines must be covered at all times while students are on school property and/or in attendance at school sponsored activities.
8. The wearing of clothing, insignia, symbols, or adornments worn or carried on or about a student that may promote the use of any controlled substance, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, is unacceptable. Clothing with writing on the seat of the garment is prohibited.
9. The wearing of clothing that features vulgar words, pictures, or drawings, or for the sake of humor, includes phrases of a sexual nature or phrases that have derogatory orientation, or disability is unacceptable.
10. Gang related slogans, names apparel, etc. are not permitted in school or at any school-related activities.
11. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is safe and does not impair vision. Students are not to wear hair dyed in garish or distractingly unnatural colors, spiked hair, or shaven head patterns (numbers, names, symbols, designs, etc.).

12. Caps, hats, bandanas, sunglasses (unless medically required) or other head wear not otherwise required are not to be worn during the regular school day.
13. Outerwear (coats, trench coats, western dusters, sunglasses, gloves, etc.) cannot be worn in the building during normal school time (unless temperature or individual medical problems dictate this to be appropriate).
14. Students are not to wear extreme facial makeup that distracts or disrupts the learning environment or is in garish bad taste when measured by community standards.
15. Students should not wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or other accessories that can be used as weapons.
16. Students are required to wear appropriate shoes to school at all times. Boots and shoes with cleats, chains, steel toes, or other metal reinforcement are not allowed.
17. School sponsored activity uniforms that do not adhere to the dress code are not to be worn.

****Note: The principal has the final authority in determining deviation from the established Dress Code Guidelines.***