

## **DRESS AND GROOMING**

### **Van Alstyne ISD Dress Code**

The following dress code meets the standards most conducive to promoting instruction.

Young people should dress for success. The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. **CAMPUS ADMINISTRATORS EXERCISE FINAL JUDGMENT ON GARMENTS AND/OR STYLES THAT ARE A DISTRACTION.** Students are expected to comply with the following:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no more than 2 ½" above the knee.
- All outer garments must have sleeves (cap sleeves are permitted). "Spaghetti straps" or "tank tops" are not allowed. Shoulders must be covered.
- Shoes must be appropriate to the activity. Footwear must be of a style that ensures safety and does not present a distraction. Teachers may restrict (designate) the kind of footwear needed for that class in order to meet safety standards of the instructional activity.
- Garments that are torn, cut inappropriately, or have holes are not permitted.

All garments should meet the standard of modesty:

- Anything form-fitting, such as: spandex shorts, bicycle shorts, tights, leggings, and leotards may only be worn under shorts or skirts that meet the school dress code.
- Midriffs, cleavage, and undergarments should be covered at all times.
- Tops must overlap the waistband of the pants at all times.
- All students must have hair that is neatly groomed, out of the face, and a natural color. **Boys' hair must be worn above the shirt collar. No Mohawks or designs in hair.**
- Goatees, beards, mustaches, and other facial hair are not permitted. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and no longer than the bottom of the earlobe.
- Students may not wear hats, headgear, or sunglasses in the building during the school day.
- Wallets with dangling chains and dangling or oversized jewelry are not allowed at school. Male students may not wear earrings, ear studs, or anything else in the ear. Jewelry for body/tongue piercing may not be worn at school except pierced earrings for females. No spacers.
- Students may not wear garments or bring items to school that display pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene; and/or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other objects or ideas that in the principal's judgment may be expected to cause disruption of school activities or interference with classroom and other normal school activities.