

## Dress Code

Decency, good taste, and the normal standards of the community are to be maintained in dress and grooming by all students. The Rock Springs Middle School dress code has been devised with the idea of promoting a positive learning atmosphere and wholesome attitude for each student and the school as a whole. Any dress or hair style that is considered contrary to good hygiene, distractive or disruptive in appearance, or detrimental to the educational environment or the public image of the school will not be permitted. Students should follow these guidelines:

1. Student dress will not lead school officials to believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts, or other attributes are gang related or would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives.
2. Any dress considered too revealing will not be allowed. See-through outfits, bare midriffs, open backs, low-cut tops, tube tops, tank tops, halter tops, mesh or sleeveless shirts are not permitted. No skin should be visible between the shirts and pants while sitting or extending hands over head. Undergarments must be covered.
3. Shoes must be worn at all times. (No house shoes). Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor for inside wear.
4. Shorts and skirts must be as long, or longer, than the tip of the longest finger when the students' arms are extended along the side of the body. Biking shorts, spandex, tights, pajamas, or boxer shorts are not permitted. Shorts and pants are to be hemmed or stitched; no cut-offs are allowed. Skin or under garments may not be seen through clothing.
5. Form-fitting clothes, such as those made with Lycra or spandex, are allowable only if they are worn under clothing that meets dress code.
6. Clothing, accessories, or any item that pertains to or advertises substances which are illegal for teenagers (drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, etc.) or which are otherwise inappropriate (profanity, sex, obscenities, violence, gang related, etc.) are not to be worn or brought to school.
7. Hats, scarves, hair-picks, stocking caps, hair curlers, other head covering, and disruptive hair styling or coloring may not be worn to school.
8. **Clothing must be size appropriate. All shirts must be tucked in and waistbands clearly visible and worn at the waist. Sagging is not allowed. All belts, buttons, and fasteners must be fastened at all times.**
9. Pierced accessories are allowed only on the ears. No tattoos are allowed to show. Jewelry may not be a distraction to the learning process.
10. Dress Down Days/ Special Events/ Spirit Days: Scheduling for dress for these days will be under the direction and discretion of the individual principals.
11. Students are to keep book bags, backpacks, and large purses in their lockers at all times.
12. The principal or assistant principal will make the final judgment concerning attire or accessories that do not fall into one of the above categories but may still be considered inappropriate or disruptive to the educational program.

When a student is attired in a manner which is likely to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school, the principal will administer appropriate consequences. These consequences include, but are not limited to, calling parents to bring appropriate clothing, detention, in-school suspension, and/or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. **Our goal is modesty and no distractions during the learning process.**