

DRESS CODE: Kennewick’s dress expectations are aligned with Kennewick School District policy and are established to eliminate disruptions to the education process caused by individual attire. They are also designed to ensure a quality learning environment for all by ensuring that students and staff feel safe at school. These expectations are also designed to enhance school-to-work transition skills and behaviors. Provocative dress that expose undergarments or over-expose parts of the body will not be allowed. Messages or symbols that promote or represent dangerous or criminal behavior will not be allowed. Clothing, including hats and other head and face coverings, that keep students from being easily identified will not be allowed.

Some specific examples about clothing that will not be allowed include:

- Clothing which exposes any portion of the anatomy in a manner that disrupts the educational process or can be considered inappropriate for the school
- Overly large openings at neck, midriff, or arms that expose shoulder blades, cleavage, or the abdomen
- Shorts with hemlines that do not cover the upper thigh when seated or standing
- Pants that sag to expose underwear
- No undergarments (boxer shorts, bras or briefs) should be visible
- No hats or bandanas will be worn in the building during the school day
- No clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, excessive violence or drugs or which expresses or suggests lewd, sexual, discriminatory, or harassing messages
- No trench coats or other excessively baggy outerwear
- No clothing related to gang involvement or determined to be gang affiliated is allowed

The school administration/staff will determine whether garments are disruptive to the educational process, including garments not listed in the current dress expectations.

Students wearing clothing that is determined to be disruptive to the learning environment or hampers the safety of themselves or others will be required to change clothing before being allowed to attend classes. Corrective steps will include:

1. Changing into appropriate clothing that the student has at school
2. Changing into appropriate clothing provided by the school (school will ask for it to be returned or student will be fined)
3. Changing into appropriate clothing that a parent/guardian is able to provide from home
4. Going home for the day—parent will be notified (may be allowed to return if displaying appropriate clothing)

Repeated violations or defiant and abusive responses from students can result in disciplinary action.