

DRESS AND GROOMING POLICY

The purpose of the Blooming Prairie Schools dress code is to remind students and staff that school is a place of learning, and the appropriate clothing is required. The objective is to enable students and staff to focus on learning and not be distracted, embarrassed, or made to feel uncomfortable by inappropriate clothing worn by staff members or students.

Dress or grooming which is disruptive to the classroom or school atmosphere is NOT ALLOWED. Shoes must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons. The following policy will be used to determine the appropriateness of one's dress.

1. No clothing may be worn that is degrading; racist, sexual in nature, contains profanity, and/or promotes alcohol, tobacco, or drugs. Symbols such as, but not limited to, the confederate flag and swastikas are prohibited
2. No caps or coats may be worn in a classroom during school hours. Coats/jackets may be worn if the administration deems building conditions warrant them to be worn.
3. No clothing, colors, low riding pants, or displays of gang related activities are permitted. Blooming Prairie Schools are "gang-free" environments and has a Zero Tolerance Policy.
4. Spaghetti style straps are not permitted unless covered by an appropriate shirt. No halter tops, no one-shoulder tops, no open back tops, no backless tops and no off the shoulder tops, (cold shoulder tops with a two-inch strap are appropriate). Two-inch straps should be considered the minimum. Tops should be high enough to ELIMINATE exposure of breast cleavage. A bare midriff will not be permitted. No visible underwear is allowed.
5. Clothing that is excessively short is inappropriate (to be determined by the administration). Pants, skirts, dresses may not have an excessively high slit in front, back, or on the side.

When, in the judgment of the administration, a student's or staff's appearance, grooming or mode of dress interferes with or disrupts the educational process, or possess a health and safety concern, the student will be directed to make modifications of their appearance. Students found to be in violation of the dress code will be required to be in compliance as soon as possible. Students may change into P.E. clothing, or have appropriate clothing brought to school. The school will provide appropriate clothing, or the student may be sent home to change. In addition, student may face regular discipline consequences including detentions or suspensions.