

DRESS AND GROOMING

The dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean, neat and will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that may be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Clothing may not advertise or depict tobacco products, alcohol beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (L). If the principal or designee determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be provided an article of clothing that meets the dress code for the remainder of the school day. Students will not be allowed to go home to change clothing. The dress code will be enforced at all school related activities, on or off school property.

Principals, or their designees shall have the latitude to make decisions or judgment calls on dress and grooming practices. A student's personal dress and grooming standards must comply with the following:

- Strapless tops, see through clothing, tops that do not cover the midriff/back at all times, tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, or low necklines are not permissible
- Shorts & skirts must be mid-thigh or longer in length
- Shirt length must not fall below the fingertips when the arms are down along the side of the body. Shirts that are baggy and long will be tucked in.
- Clothing that is defaced will be determined inappropriate. (holes – of any size, anywhere, markings on clothing, rips)
- Caps, hats, scarves, or sunglasses may not be worn inside the building unless permission is granted by the principal
- Sleeveless tops with large armholes must have t-shirt worn underneath.
- Clothing that exhibits lewd, offensive, vulgar, violent, gang related or obscene pictures or writing may not be worn.
- Clothing that is baggy and does not fit properly may not be worn. Pants must fit and be worn at the waist.
- Shoes with built-in roller/wheels are not permitted.
- Oversized belts may not be worn. Chains may not be worn around the waist or hang from pockets or belt loops
- Hair must be cut above the collar for boys, out of the eyes, neat, clean, and combed.
- Hair that is considered unacceptable, distracting, disruptive, or a health-safety hazard is not allowed. Examples include: Hair color not in the natural hair tones, pony or pig tails for boys, lines or designs cut into the hair, "Mohawks" or any style that is considered gang related.
- Girls may wear earrings only in the ear.
- Eyebrow rings, nose rings, gauges/spacers, body piercing, etc. are not allowed.
- Boys may not wear earrings, studs, gauges/spacers at any time.
- Undergarments may not be visible at any time.
- Tattoos must be covered at all times – even during extracurricular events.
- Facial hair such as moustaches that are neatly trimmed and groomed are acceptable. Goatees, beards, and excessive sideburns are not acceptable and students will be asked to shave or trim them in an acceptable manner. Students will not be allowed to leave school to take care of this grooming since they knew beforehand that it was unacceptable. Safety razors and shaving crème will be provided at school.

A dress code check will be performed daily and ALL teachers will check for dress code violations.

Radios, CD Players, Other Electronic Devices and Games, and Cell Phones

Students are not permitted to possess such items, included but not limited to: pagers, radios, CD players, tape recorders, camcorders, DVD players, cameras, electronic devices or games at school. Teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents.

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess cell phones and other communication devices; however, the use of cell phones, pagers, or any communication device is prohibited during the school day. "Use" is defined as a cell phone etc. that is seen or heard at any time during the school day; "school day," for the purpose of this policy, is defined as the period of time between 7:30 am and 3:37 pm (end of school).

The use of cell phones, pagers, or any communication device in restroom areas at any time while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event is strictly prohibited. Disciplinary action is in accordance with the ***Student Code of Conduct*** and may include confiscation of the device. The school will charge the owner for the release of devices [See policy FNCE.]

Any time a cell phone, pager or any communication device is confiscated a \$15.00 administrative fee will be assessed and the parent will be required to pick up the device. Parents and students should also note that any electronic devices brought to school are brought at the students own risk. While reasonable measures will be taken to locate a lost or stolen item, Muleshoe ISD will not be liable for any such item.

A phone is provided for student use at school. Students must have permission before using the phone provided.

Cafeteria Services

The district participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers students nutritionally balanced lunches daily. Free and reduced-price lunches are available based on financial need. Information about a student's participation is confidential. Contact Robin Thacker at (806) 272-7306 to apply.

Beginning this school year: charges for meals (includes breakfast and lunch) will be limited to \$16. Once a student reaches this limit, a cheese sandwich and milk will be provided at the cost of 60 cents until the student's charges have been paid. Letters will be sent home every two weeks if the student has charges that need to be paid. No charges will be allowed at the snack bar line. The district follows the federal and state guidelines regarding foods of minimal nutritional value being served or sold on school premises during the school day. [For more information, see policy CO(LEGAL).]

Meal Prices for 2008-2008

Breakfast

Lunch