

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

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DRESS CODE

Student grooming and attire should be appropriate for a learning environment. Students must wear clothing that is neat, clean, safe, and does not distract from a comfortable learning environment. Clothing which advertises for drugs (including tobacco and alcohol) and/or is decorated with sexually explicit, violent, vulgar, or gang related language or symbols is incompatible with the school environment, and thus will not be allowed. Students in inappropriate clothing will not be allowed to disrupt the teaching/learning environment.

Listed below are the guidelines that have been adopted by the KMS Site Based Council. The school is obligated to intervene regarding any type of attire which:

- **attracts undue attention** to the wearer, disrupts the learning environment or otherwise interferes with the rights of others at school; or
- **jeopardizes the safety of a student or others**, or can damage school property; or
- **fosters the perception of a threatening, intimidating, or hostile environment** in the school.

The following are some examples of how these guidelines will be applied. This is by no means a complete list, but merely represents **examples of potential violations, clothing that is not allowed at school**. The KMS administration will make all decisions regarding specific situations.

CLOTHING

- Hats, caps, or bandanas (unless otherwise instructed).
- **Any shirt or top that ends above the top of the pants or skirt when the student's outstretched arms are raised to shoulder height (bare midriff skin should not be visible at any time).**
- Shorts or miniskirts (including any side slit) that end above fingertip length when arms are lowered to the sides.
- Spandex or any similar tight fitting material (unless worn with other clothing over them).
- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, and dresses. (Sleeveless clothing may only be worn with sleeved clothing.)
- Baggy pants (pants requiring a cinched belt to stay at waist level), unhemmed pants, or pant legs which drag.
- Attire symbolizing Gothicism, Satanism, or morbidity.
- Any clothing, body decoration or symbols potentially promoting violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or suicide ideation.

OUTDOOR WEAR

- Long trench coats.
- Coats and jackets designed for outside protection worn inside the building. (Sweaters, sweatshirts, or vests will be allowed. Students may wear coats to and from portables in winter months. At other times, outdoor jackets need to be left in the lockers.)
- Backpacks and book bags carried to classes or during breaks. (Take only books, notebooks and other required materials to class. Everything else should stay in your locker. Plan ahead to avoid returning to your locker unnecessarily.)

ACCESSORIES

- Dangling shoulder straps. (All shoulder straps must be hooked over the shoulder.)
- Chains draped from belts or pants and extra long belts.
- Knives, blades, or sharp objects of any kind or size.
- Use of sprays such as perfumes, colognes, aerosols, in addition to breath fresheners containing alcohol. (These items can cause respiratory distress for others and do not belong in hallway lockers.)

SHOES

- Steel tipped boots, winter boots or dress shoes with thin high heels.

GRAFFITI

- Written statements/drawings on arms, legs, etc.
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Students who wear attire which appears to violate the above standards will be sent to the office and allowed to return to class only in acceptable attire. The administration will be the final judge regarding dress code matters.

REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE KMS DRESS CODE MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.