

Crawford Central School District – Student Dress Code

The Crawford Central School District believes that student dress and grooming should promote safe schools and effective learning environments. The district recognizes that student's style of dress and/or grooming may reflect individual preference; however, such preferences must be selected within the constraints of reasonable rules and appropriate standards that are consistent with the maintenance of an effective learning atmosphere and good personal hygiene. Therefore, the district expects each student's attire and grooming to promote a positive, safe and healthy environment within the school. Specifically, students are expected to comply with the following dress and grooming guidelines:

General Rules

1. The following decorations and/or designs imprinted upon or attached to the body or clothing are prohibited:
 - Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms that convey crude, vulgar, profane, violent, death-oriented, gang-related, sexually explicit, or sexually suggestive messages.
 - Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms advertising tobacco, alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia.
 - Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms identifying a student as a member of a secret or overtly antisocial group or gang or that identifies a student as a member of an organization that professes violence or hatred toward one's fellow man.
2. Excessively large or baggy clothes are prohibited.
3. Permitted garments shall be clean, and shall have holes no higher than the knee.
4. Spandex, bike shorts, bathing/swimming wear, sleep wear (including pajamas), cut-off shorts, etc., are not permitted.
5. School team apparel or school organizational uniforms may be worn on days of an event with permission from the administration.

Outerwear

6. Students must store outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.) in their lockers upon arrival at school. Outerwear will not be permitted in classrooms, cafeterias, libraries, corridors or other areas of the school buildings after arrival unless authorized by the school's administration.

Head Coverings/Sunglasses

7. Curlers, bandanas, sweatbands, or other similar head coverings or adornments shall not be worn to class or within school buildings.

8. Caps, hats or other similar head coverings shall not be worn to class or within school buildings unless prescribed by a physician, previously approved by the school's administration for religious reasons, or approved by the school's administration for a special school activity.
9. Sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) shall not be worn to class or within school buildings.

Upper Garments

10. All shirts/tops/dresses must have sleeves. Clothing will completely cover the torso (from shoulders to hemline). Necklines and hemlines should reflect an appropriate environment for learning, not a social setting.
11. Bare midriffs, immodestly low cut necklines, off the shoulder, or bare backs are prohibited. Garments must be of appropriate length, cut and/or fit to meet these requirements while sitting and/or bending.

Lower Garments

12. Undergarments shall not be visible. Pants and shorts shall be worn at the waist and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length.
13. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than the tips of the fingers with arms fully extended.

Footwear

14. Students shall wear appropriate footwear for protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds, participating in school activities, or on school transportation. House slippers and bare feet are examples of unacceptable footwear.

Use of Cell Phones

1. Cell phones are permitted in school, but they must be turned off and in your locker.
2. Violations of cell phone usage in school will result in the following consequences:
 - **First Offense** – The student's cell phone will be confiscated and the student's parents or guardian must come to the principal's office in order to retrieve it and a warning letter will be mailed.
 - **Second Offense**– The student's cell phone will be confiscated. The student's parents or guardian must come to the principal's office in order to retrieve it. The student will receive a **three-day** out-of-school suspension.

- **Third Offense-** The student's cell phone will be confiscated. The student's parents or guardian must come to the principal's office in order to retrieve it. The student will receive a **five-day** out-of-school suspension.
 - Any further offense would be considered a Level (III) Misbehavior pursuant to the Discipline Guidelines as set forth in the student handbooks.
3. Sexting (the sending of sexually explicit photographs by use of a cell phone) is strictly prohibited. Incidents of sexting on School District property will result in a student receiving a minimum three-day out-of-school suspension, and local law enforcement authorities will be contacted by the School District.
 4. If a student is using his or her cell phone in order to transmit the contents of a test, then the student's cell phone will be confiscated until the student's parent or guardian comes to the principal's office in order to retrieve the cell phone. The student will receive a **three-day** out-of-school suspension for the first offense.
 5. If an administrator of the School District has a reasonable suspicion to believe that a student's cell phone contains inappropriate or illegal material, the School District reserves the right to confiscate the cell phone and the School District may contact local law enforcement authorities. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken.
 6. The School District is not responsible to a student or his or her parents or guardians for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones. It is the School District's recommendation that cell phones remain at the student's home. If a student brings a cell phone to school, he or she is responsible to follow the policy on use of cell phones and to keep the cell phone secure at all times. **Refer to Policy 237 for further details.**