



# STONE CREEK Elementary School

CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

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## STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING STANDARDS

Dear Parents:

Student dress is frequently a topic of concern for parents and school staff because it may identify children in such a way as to separate them from their peers and puts them at risk. For instance, a student may innocently or unknowingly wear identified gang-related clothing. The wearing of such clothing has the potential to endanger the safety of that student. Additionally, many of the fashions being promoted on television and in print ads are provocative and/or revealing and may be disruptive to the educational environment.

Parents have the primary responsibility to see that their children are dressed in a manner which is clean and not hazardous to their safety, nor disruptive to instruction. For these reasons, and to be consistent with other elementary schools in our area, we are sharing the following guidelines and request your assistance in guiding your child to dress in a manner which shows they are ready for school and respectful of themselves and others.

Students **may not wear:**

- Attire which is sexually explicit or brief such as: tops or pants designed for bare midriffs, halter tops, tops with straps that are less than 1-1/2 inch in width (spaghetti straps), tight or revealing clothing or low cut tops, fish net tops, clothing which allows underwear to be exposed, short-shorts;
- Sagging pants, baggy clothes (pants or shorts should be the proper size and must fit securely at the waist above the hip bone, and are not allowed to hang below the waist), caps worn backwards/sideways, beanies, chains, or clothing that can be construed to be "gang like";
- Attire that advertises alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, or obscenities;
- Body glitter or excessive make-up;
- Jewelry or other accessories that poses a threat to personal safety, or the safety of others;
- Thongs, flip-flops, sock-like footwear, slippers (Uggs), platforms, open-toe or back-less shoes. Students should wear athletic shoes when P.E. is scheduled and will not be allowed to participate if they are wearing unsafe shoes. Shoes must be worn at all times.

If your child wears prohibited attire, we will:

1. Call home/work for appropriate clothing.
2. If families are unavailable, students will use clothing from Lost and Found or the Health Office, to be returned the next day.

***\*Note: Students may not return to class until appropriately dressed.***

With your help and support, we know we can continue to provide a safe and positive learning environment for all our students. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Sincerely

Michael Shackelford, Principal  
& The Stone Creek Staff

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