The guidelines listed below are a supplement to the Mesa Public Schools dress and grooming standards. Additional information can be located on the MPS web site under the governing board policy JFCA and JFCA-R. The principal, in consultation with the School Improvement Advisory Council, is authorized to supplement the standards as necessary to address specific dress or grooming issues in the school. (JFCA-R)

**Hats, Bandanas, Hairnets, Do-Rags, Hair Color**

Hats may be worn outside for protection from the sun or cold, however all hats must be removed when students enter the building. Hats must be generic and not depict inappropriate language or messages. No dew rags, handkerchiefs, hairnets or other head apparel are permitted, except for medical or religious reasons. Wearing of “colors” or other gang paraphernalia is prohibited.

**Shirts**

Spaghetti straps and muscle shirts with less than 1 ½ inches of fabric are NOT permitted. Undergarments must not be visible at any time. No see-thru shirts without appropriate shirt underneath. See-thru shirts are not allowed with spaghetti straps or any other inappropriate shirt. No pajamas or clothing that is designed for swimming or other types of athletic wear. All shirts must cover the waist and not expose belly area, must not show frontal cleavage or back cleavage. All requirements must be met even while raising arms. Wearing of “colors” or other gang paraphernalia is prohibited.
Pants, Shorts and Skirts, and Belts

Pants must be worn at the waist and fit appropriately. NO sagging, drooping, or bagging is permitted. Undergarments may NOT show at any time, even when bending or sitting. Clothing must be in good repair and have no tears or holes above the knees. Clothing displaying holes that are NOT due to wear-and-tear, but as designed is NOT permitted. Leggings may be worn only under appropriate length skirts, shorts, or dresses. Yoga and other tight fitting exercise pants are NOT allowed. The bottom hem of the shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least 1 inch longer than the wearer’s fingertips. NO short shorts or mini-skirts will be permitted. Hanging belts or chains are NOT allowed, including wallet chains, long key chains, or belts that are excessively long and hang from a clasp. Wearing of “colors” or other gang paraphernalia is prohibited.

Shoes

Students are expected to wear age appropriate shoes at all times. If the student is having difficulty wearing a specific shoe or style, does not fit properly, or is distracting, the student’s parents will be contacted for replacement shoes to be brought to school. No shoes with wheels are permitted at any time on campus. **Students are required to wear closed toed shoes to school with NO exceptions on P.E. days, appropriate for physical fitness. Students will NOT be permitted to change their shoes for P.E. Students will miss P.E. and may receive alternate school work.**

Make-Up, Tattoos, Piercings, Chains, Jewelry, Dyed Hair

No make-up of any kind is acceptable. All body, nose, lip, face, and eyebrow piercings are prohibited, with the exception of earlobe piercings. One set of pierced earrings, studs or small hoops (not to exceed a nickel in size) are allowed. Body art and tattoos are NOT permitted. No dangerous jewelry of any kind. Students may NOT dye or color their hair in a shade that is not consistent with normal human hair.
Messages on Clothing or Accessories Must Be School Appropriate: Language, Subjects, or Depictions

There are many items available in stores which are offensive and inappropriate for a school environment. These may include, but not limited to: inappropriate language, inappropriate reference to a group of people or individuals, slang/slurs, innuendos, depiction of inappropriate acts, illicit-illegal drugs or activities, tobacco, alcohol, or firearms (animated or otherwise). Any item which causes a disruption to the school environment will NOT be allowed. Wearing of “colors” or other gang paraphernalia is prohibited.

Grooming, Regular Bathing, and Teeth brushing is Expected By ALL Students

Students should come to school well groomed, clean, free of body odor, and teeth brushed. This establishes lifelong habits that will lead to success. Students who display offensive hygiene habits will receive one written notice, subsequent hygiene issues will result in phone calls home for student to be picked up.

Violations of the Dress Code

**Incident I:** Warning – Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to report to the office. They will be required to review the *Pomeroy Dress Code*, conference with a principal, and will be required to wear an alternative item, that the school provides, for the remainder of the school day. A phone call to the parents will be made by the teacher or nurse.

**Incident II:** In addition to the above, a second phone call home to parents will be made by the principal.

**Incident III and More:** In addition to what occurs in Incident I and II, further disciplinary action will occur and could include: detention, removal from class, suspension, etc.