

## VAMS and Intermediate School Dress Code 2006-2007

We believe that the following dress code meets the standards most conducive to promoting instruction, are enforceable without undue judgment calls, and equitable.

It is the belief of the VAISD administrators and faculty that young people should dress for success. Dress codes are established to instill self-discipline, prevent disruption, and promote a positive self-image. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school activities. **CAMPUS ADMINISTRATORS EXERCISE FINAL JUDGMENT ON GARMENTS AND/OR STYLES THAT ARE A DISTRACTION**

- \* Skirt, dresses, and shorts must be no more than 2 ½" above the knee.
- All outer garments must have sleeves (cap sleeves are permitted).
- Shoes must be appropriate to the activity. Footwear must be of a style that insures safety and does not present a distraction. Teachers may restrict (*designate*) the *kind of* footwear *needed for that class* in order to meet safety standards of the instructional activity.
- Garments that are torn, cut, or have large holes
- All garments should meet the standard of modesty.
  - Garments that are too tight, revealing, and/or worn in a manner other than that for which they are designed are not allowed at school.
  - Midriffs, cleavage, and undergarments should be covered at all times.
  - Tops must overlap the waistband of the pants.
  - (Modest: observing proprieties of dress and behavior, moderate; moderate: avoiding extremes of behavior or expression, observing reasonable limits; Webster's 7<sup>th</sup> Collegiate Dictionary)
- Practice/workout style clothing should be worn only in work out areas and approved by coach, sponsor, director, and campus administrator.
- All students must have hair that is neatly groomed, out of the face, and a natural color. Boys' hair must be worn above the shirt collar.
- Goatees, beards, mustaches, and other facial hair are not permitted. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and no longer than the bottom of the ear lobe.
- Students may not wear hats, headgear, or sunglasses in the building during the school day.
- Wallets with dangling chains and dangling and/or oversized jewelry are not allowed at school. Male students may not wear earrings, ear studs or anything else in the ear. Jewelry for body/tongue piercings may not be worn at school except pierced earrings for females.
- Students may not wear garments or bring items to school that display pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene; and/or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other objects or ideas that in the principal's judgment may be expected to cause disruption of school activities or interference with classroom and other normal school activities.