

**DRESS AND GROOMING CODE
2009-2010 School Year**

The administration and staff at Rancho Pico Junior High School believe that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a safe and productive learning environment. We expect students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students clothing must not present a health or safety hazard, or any distraction which would interfere with the educational process. Please review the following dress code with your student:

1. Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers may not be worn.
2. No bare midriffs or chest. Clothes shall conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, sleeveless tops, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder or low cut tops and bare midriffs are prohibited. Boys and girls shirts must have sleeves.
3. No excessively baggy or sagging pants/shorts are allowed. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Belt tips may not hang. Pants and shorts with tears and holes are not permitted. Sleepwear (pajamas, etc.) may not be worn.
4. Skirts/shorts/pants must fit sensibly. Skirts or shorts may not be shorter than the thumb when arms are extended to side, allowing students to move safely and modestly.
5. Clothing that advocates drugs, alcohol, tobacco or disruptive/illegal activities are prohibited. This includes images of weapons or violence.
6. Clothing and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, violent, profane, or sexually suggestive or which advocates any form of prejudice. Clothes (or books and other materials) will be confiscated if they have old-English or tagging-style writing or markings.
7. No hoods, hats, knit caps (beanies), scarves, bandanas, or hair rollers are to be worn on campus. Approved Rancho Pico headwear may be purchased in the student store for use on campus. Headwear must be worn as intended and may not be worn in the classroom.
8. Accessories such as safety pins, heavy chains, and jewelry with dangerous points or spikes, are prohibited.
9. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Student dress and grooming must be safe, clean, modest, and conducive to educational pursuits.

Students not in dress code will change into clean clothing provided by the school or will be given the option to call home for appropriate clothing to be brought to school for student to change into. Disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, warnings, conferences, parent contacts, paper pick-up, referral room assignments, detention, Saturday School and suspension will be employed, as necessary, to ensure compliance with this policy.