

## **Rancho Pico Junior High Dress Code**

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. Clothes shall conceal undergarments at all times. Low cut tops and bare midriffs are prohibited. Boys and girls shirts must have sleeves. Shoulders must be covered at all times.
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 fashionable tears and holes are not permitted. Sleepwear (pajamas, etc.) may not be worn.
4. Skirts/shorts/pants must fit sensibly and modestly.
5. Clothing that advocates drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or disruptive/gang activities are prohibited. This includes images of weapons or violence. 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.
6. Only approved Rancho Pico headwear (hats and beanies) may be worn on campus. Hoods and bandanas are prohibited. Headwear must be worn as intended and may not be worn in the classroom.
7. Accessories such as safety pins, heavy chains, wallet chains, and jewelry with dangerous points or spikes, are prohibited.
8. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Student dress and grooming must be safe, clean, modest, and conducive to educational pursuits.

Violation of the above provisions of the student dress code may result in 1) Student calling home for appropriate clothing to be brought to school, OR 2) Student changing into clean, replacement Rancho Pico attire. Disciplinary actions including, but not limited to: warnings, conferences, parent contacts, paper pick-up, detention, Saturday School and suspension will be employed, as necessary, to ensure compliance with this policy.

**FIELD TRIP DRESS CODE:** When students attend a field trip during school hours, they are expected to dress according to the above policy. Failure to do so may result in the student not being able to attend the field trip.