



## **General Rules and Attire and Conduct for**

Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 6, Matagorda County, Texas

### **UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE INCLUDES:**

- Shorts, cut-offs, baggy pants, (pants shall be worn at waist line), flip-flop shoes, house shoes, bedroom slippers, caps and hats.
  - Muscle shirts, T-shirts, or any clothing indicating gang affiliation or other clothing with offensive, vulgar, racist, sexist, obscene, suggestive words, slogans, depictions or pictures, including grotesque creatures. Shirts that are torn, dirty and/or ragged will not be allowed. **All shirts must be tucked inside pants (men only).**
  - Provocative clothing designed, styled or worn to provoke emotion or to be disruptive.
  - NOTE: Students may dress in accordance with respective school dress code, however, students must also comply with the above-described attire requirements.
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### **COURTROOM CONDUCT:**

- **NO FIREARMS OR WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM OR IN THE COURT BUILDING**, except for law enforcement personnel or by court order.
- Be on time.
- **Do not approach the Judge's bench without permission.** Do not rest arms on the bench and keep hands out of pockets.
- Do not bring drink, food or chewing gum in the Courtroom. All use of tobacco is prohibited.
- Do not talk at the same time as the Court, opposing counsel or witnesses. Courtroom and visitors should not engage in loud talk or excessive conversation.
- Racist, sexist, obscene or profane language is prohibited, unless it is pertinent to a case, and is elicited and quoted from facts in the case.
- Do nothing to disturb or distract the Court, counsels, witnesses, or other Court personnel. Once Court is in session, you are expected to remain seated unless it is necessary for you to stand to participate in a court matter or you must leave the courtroom.
- It is normally inappropriate to bring small infants or young children into a Court proceeding. Please refrain from doing so unless the presence of the child is necessary for the proceeding.
- No recording devices are allowed without the Court's approval.
- **NO USE OF PHONES OR PAGERS IS ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM. PLACE THEM ON SILENT OR LEAVE THEM AT HOME OR IN YOUR VEHICLE.**