

DRESS AND GROOMING

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.

The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with these general guidelines and the District's dress code for students in the student handbook.

If the principal or designee determines that a student is not in compliance with the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action.

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or designee or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Dress Code Guidelines:

The administration reserves the right to judge whether any current fashion or fad is appropriate for school wear and to require any student to change his/her attire if it is not found acceptable. Clothing and grooming should be in good taste and should not cause undue attention or disruption.

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING IN GRADES K - 12 SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Shoes must be worn at ALL times.
2. Shorts may be worn. The hem of the shorts cannot be shorter than fingertip length when arms are fully extended by the side.
3. Outer clothing made from Lycra material will not be acceptable attire for students.
4. Skirts and/or dresses will not be shorter than the allowed shorts.
5. Any apparel that advertises or implies sex, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profanity, etc., or that may distract from the learning process, is NOT permitted.
6. No caps, hats or other form of head covering will be allowed at school for either male or female students during regular school hours.
7. Garments that are sleeveless by design may be worn unless undergarments are exposed or deemed inappropriate by the administration. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, and muscle shirts are not allowed.

8. Shirts designed to be buttoned MUST be buttoned (layering is allowed).
9. Transparent clothes are NOT allowed.
10. Apparel that allows the midriff to show (front or back) is not allowed. Shirts, blouses, etc. must be long enough to cover the midriff while standing or sitting.
11. Sundresses and shirts that are backless, and have spaghetti straps, etc. are NOT allowed.
12. Students will not be permitted to wear sunglasses in the building. Permission will be granted if requested by a doctor.
13. Extracurricular organizations may develop apparel guidelines and requirements for participation in their respective activities with the approval of administration.
14. No names or insignias that represent public school fraternities, sororities, secret societies, or gangs, as described in TEC 37.121 shall be worn.
15. Sagging pants are not permitted. A belt must be worn and cinched at the waist on any oversized pants.
16. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.
17. No wallet chains or chains that attach to belt loops will be allowed.
18. With the exception of female ear piercing, body adornment involving piercing will not be permitted.
19. Pajamas, house shoes or attire that imitates sleepwear or loungewear are not to be worn to school.
20. No distractible hair colors will be permitted.
21. Hair must be kept in a manner that does not cover the student's eyes.