

## DRESS AND GROOMING (K-5)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

### General Dress and Grooming Guidelines:

- Excessively tight, excessively loose, or sagging clothing is prohibited. Transparent clothing such as netting or sheer cloth may only be worn if it adheres to dress code guidelines and if it is worn over clothing that adheres to dress code guidelines.
- Clothing designed and/or intended to be worn as undergarments must be covered by outer clothing that adheres to dress code guidelines.
- Any clothing or apparel that advertises sex, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, profanity, gambling, unnatural acts, or names and insignias that represent public school fraternities, sororities, secret societies, or gangs as described in TEC 37.121 are prohibited.
- House shoes or slippers may not be worn. Students are not allowed to wear "skate shoes" and should wear tennis shoes for gym and outdoor activities for safety reasons.
- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.
- Hair must be hygienically maintained, neatly trimmed, and may not hang below the eyebrow, or extend below the earlobe, or below a dress shirt collar. No exotic hair coloring, colored extensions, distracting styles such as Mohawks, or designs shaved into the hair are allowed. Faux hawks are allowable as long as the sides are tapered into the top and the top of the hair is no more than 3 inches. Male students are prohibited from wearing ponytails, buns or headbands and the hair may not extend below the earlobe or below a dress shirt collar.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, and other head coverings may not be worn inside the buildings unless pre-approved by campus principal.
- Tops (shirts, blouses, etc.) must be hemmed and no holes, rips, or tears may be visible. If not tucked into pants, tops must overlap the waistband of the pant when standing and sitting. Examples of prohibited tops include: large arm openings, backless tops, halter tops, form fitting "muscle shirts", tops with spaghetti straps, or any top that has a low neckline. Tops do not have to have full sleeves but top strap from neck to shoulder must be at least 2 inches wide and otherwise adhere to campus dress code guidelines.
- Pants (shorts, jeans, etc.) must be hemmed and worn at the waist. No holes, rips, or tears may be visible in pants. Pants must not drag the ground. Shorts should be at fingertip length when standing with arms to the side.
- Skirts, skorts, and dresses must be hemmed and worn at the waist. No holes, rips, or tears may be visible. Skirts and dresses must not drag the ground. Skirts, skorts, and dresses should be at fingertip length when standing with arms to the side. Shorts or tights that adhere to dress code guidelines must be worn underneath skirts and dresses at all times.

Campus administration reserves the right to determine if any current fashion or fad is appropriate for the school environment. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.