

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

Effective the 2001-2002 school year, the Crandall Independent School District will require all students in all schools to adhere to the following standardized student dress code.

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

Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks

Style: Collared, knit, buttoned polo or dress style buttoned shirts/blouses (long or short sleeved), turtlenecks.

Color: Any solid single colors with no contrasting trim.

- All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times. (Optional PK-2, Required 3-12)
- Logos on tops will be allowed as long as they are not deemed offensive in nature.
- All shirts and blouses must be buttoned from the first button past the collar.
- Shirts/blouses with cap sleeves are not allowed.

Slacks, Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Skorts and Belts

Style: Pleated or flat front docker-style slacks or pants; walking-style shorts.

Color: Limited to Khaki, Navy Blue, Black (solid, single colors)

- Slacks and pants must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
- Appropriate belts must be worn at all times (i.e. no spikes, no vulgarity, etc...) (Optional PK – 5, Required 6 - 12).
- Logos or labels must be no larger than 1 inch x 1 inch.
- Baggy style legged slacks or pants are not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap (in both front and back).
- No cargo or carpenter style pants.
- Skirts may have a kick-pleat (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee), but not a slit.
- Corduroy bottoms are allowed if all other guidelines are followed.

Jumpers

Style: V-neck, square neck, or round neck.

Color: Limited to Khaki, Navy Blue, Black (solid, single colors).

- Jumpers must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
- Shirt, blouse, or turtleneck that adheres to standardized dress code must be worn under the jumper at all times.
- Kick pleats are allowed (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee); slits are not allowed.
- Dresses are not considered jumpers.

Shoes, Socks, Hose/Tights

Color (socks): Any color, must be an identical pair.

Color (hose/tights): White, Navy Blue, Black or Khaki, or Flesh-tone (solid, single colors).

Color (shoes): Brown or Black leather-like shoes (tie or loafer-type), or brown or black boots (no para-military type boots), tennis shoes, or sandals with heel straps.

Outerwear: Sweatshirts, Vests, Sweaters, Light Jackets, and Wind Breakers

Color: Any solid single color.

- Sweatshirts, vests, sweaters, ***light jackets, and windbreakers*** must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length; and must be worn over shirt, blouse, or turtleneck that adheres to standardized dress code.
- Logos on outerwear will be allowed as long as they are not offensive in nature.

Other Guidelines

- Leather, suede, vinyl, and denim materials are not allowed except for coats.
- Coats may be worn in accordance with appropriate weather conditions.
- Spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.
- Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building are not allowed.
- Overall pants, overall shorts, and overall jumpers are not allowed.
- Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except in P.E./Athletics.

- Students must comply with district standards for grooming and accessories as outlined in the student handbook.
- Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed. Clothing that is torn, tattered, or with holes is not permitted.
- Dress code problems that arise will be addressed at the discretion of the campus principal.

Grooming

Hair (male/female): Hair style, length, cut, or color that is extreme or distracting may be unacceptable. Excessive hairstyles not allowed: tails, designs, spikes, mohawks, puffs, color that is not considered natural, etc.

Hair (male): Not to extend below the eyebrows in front.

Not to extend below mid-ear on sides.

Not to extend below the top of the collar in back.

No ponytails (regardless of its placement on the head).

No sideburns below the ear and not wider than the cheek.

No beards or goatees. (High School male students may wear mustaches, which are short and neatly trimmed. Mustaches that extend beyond the upper lip will not be accepted.)

Body Piercing - No visible body piercing is allowed that displays jewelry, etc. except for female ear piercing and earrings. Male ear piercing may not display any jewelry or other objects at any time. Tongue rings/studs are not allowed. Any tattoos must be covered at all times. The policy for body piercing will be enforced at any and all school activities.

Compliance

If a non-exempt student attends school in violation of the standardized dress requirements, consequences will be consistent with Student Code of Conduct Infractions.

Special Dress Days

Administrator(s) shall have authority to waive the wearing of the standardized dress clothing for certain days, parts of days, special events, or special activities as outlined in CISD Board Policy FNCA (Local). Students who choose not to participate in the special days are expected to comply

with the standardized dress code.

Special Assistance

In case of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's school by phone, mail, or in person to request assistance when financially unable to purchase the standardized dress clothing. Special note--having a child on the free-reduced lunch program does not automatically qualify for assistance.

Funding

Economically disadvantaged students whose parents cannot afford standardized dress clothing without financial assistance will be aided through the CISD Clothing Closet, private donations or gifts by individuals or businesses, or through contributions from activity funds or parent organizations.

Final Authority Regarding Dress Code

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered above shall be within the discretion of the administration.

Extra-Curricular Dress Code

With respect to any extracurricular activities, the principal, in conjunction with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of such activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of participating students if the Principal, sponsor, or coach reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

- 1 .Creates a hazard to the student's own safety or to the safety of others; or
2. Will prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

Such regulation may include denying the student permission to participate in the extracurricular activity or to go on extracurricular trips.

Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code

The alternative/interim student dress code applies only to new students and to students with Crandall ISD Board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the District have 10 calendar days to comply with the standardized dress code. New students requesting an exemption

must comply with the Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code Guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the standardized dress code.

This policy does not apply to clothing permitted or required to be worn during participation in school sponsored activities such as physical education.

It is the responsibility of all staff to monitor the dress code. It is the primary responsibility of the 1st period teacher to verify that students in his/her classroom are in compliance with district dress and grooming policies.

The principal or designee will be the final authority concerning the dress code in the building.

Dress Code for Extra-curricular Activities

Students attending any school function must be dressed modestly and appropriately. Students inappropriately dressed may be asked to leave school sponsored activities by school district employees. Examples of inappropriate dress include halter tops and bared midriffs for females, earrings for males, etc....

Dress and appearance has a tendency to influence the behavior and attitude of the individual and has a direct influence on the atmosphere in the classroom and the entire school program. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student and parent to see that each student dresses in such a way that his/her personal appearance on campus is in harmony with or is conducive to providing an environment for learning.

*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.