

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 and the work environment. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, not a distraction, and in a way that does not create a health or safety hazard. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause a distraction, interfere with normal school operations, or create a safety hazard. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines.

- Ladies' shirts and blouses must be buttoned or snapped to conceal all skin to 3 inches below the collar bone. If necessary, undershirts must be worn under button down shirts. All other shirts necklines shall not extend more than 3 inches below the collar bone. Absolutely no low-cut shirts are permitted.
- All shirts and blouses must have sleeves with a minimum length of 3 inches.
- All shirts and blouses must cover the midriff area at all times and in all circumstances. There must be no exposure of the midriff area or undergarments. The midriff area must not be seen while bending over, while standing, raising arms, sitting, or stretching.
- Shirts and blouses must not be see-through unless an undershirt with sleeves is worn under it.
- Student clothing must completely cover the student's torso and legs from 3 inches below the collar bone and extending the finger-tip length.
- Students are allowed to wear non-athletic style short and/or dresses/skirts, provided they are hemmed or cuffed and extend to finger-tip length.
- Yoga pants, leggings, tights, or any other tight-fitting style knitwear are not permitted.
- All gentlemen shirts must be collared with the exception of school spirit tees and collegiate university tees. Sweater may only be worn with a collared shirt underneath. V-neck style shirts and sweaters are permitted as long as they are not designed to be worn as an undershirt.
- All pants and skirts must be worn at waist level. Sagging/loose pants are prohibited.
- Holes or tears will not be allowed in clothing, including pants with holes or tears that have been patched or attempted to be concealed with decorative stitching.
- Any clothing articles designed for underwear or sleepwear may not be worn.
- All undergarments in their entirety must be concealed at all times including straps and boxers.
- Clothing, grooming, and overall appearance may not reflect gang affiliation by any means, whether intentional or unintentional.
- Students may not wear any clothing article which depicts or advertises alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, violence, or behavior perceived to be lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene.
- Sweatpants, athletic warm-ups, athletic shorts, joggers, and wind pants are prohibited.
- Any class, or student organization, or school sponsored group t-shirt designed, must receive final approval from the principal before it may be worn.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, or any other head covering, grooming tools or curlers may not be worn inside the building. Bandannas are prohibited.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Flip flops (shower shoes, beach shoes), house shoes, or slippers, and athletic slides are prohibited. Shoes must be laced and tied or fastened at all times. For PE, students must have shoes that are safe and appropriate for participation.

- Sunglasses may not be worn in the building on the face or head.
- Piercing of the body with the exception of ears is prohibited. Fillers may not be worn anywhere but the ears. Jewelry that distracts from the instructional environments is unacceptable.
- Hair styles should be kept clean and well groomed. Hair should be kept out of eyes. Hair may not be styled in a way that causes a distraction in the classroom. Hair may not have designs cut in it, including Mohawk styles.
- Tattoos of any type and drawings/writing on the body may not be visible.
- Lanyards with the official school ID are to be worn around the neck at all times. Defacing the school ID or covering the photo is not allowed NOTE: The District dress code applies to SAISD students during regular school hours and in attendance to all school activities in and outside the district including students participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Principal discretion is implied for each bulleted item listed above. The principal may consider for disapproval extreme displays of dress and grooming that are defined in the dress code. As previously stated, San Augustine ISD prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause distraction, interfere with normal school operations, or create a safety hazard. If you have reason to believe that you may not be adhering to the dress code, please consult your campus principal prior to coming to school to avoid any disruption to your daily instructional schedule.

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.