

Anahuac Elementary Dress Code

DRESS AND GROOMING

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:

- Bottoms may be solid or print in color and made of a denim, khaki or twill-like material.
- Bottoms may not have slits, holes or tears above the knee.
- Belts are recommended but not required.
- Leggings can only be worn with a dress, skirt, skort or jumper dress.
- The waist band must fit snugly (no sagging).
- General length of shorts, skirts, and jumper dresses will be that they must be worn at the waist line and extend below the index finger at the shortest point of the garment.
- Shorts must have a finished hem (no cut-offs).
- Overalls, if worn, must be worn over the shoulders and buckled as designed and worn over a dress code polo shirt.

Inappropriate or Unacceptable Attire

- No slits, tears or holes in bottoms above the knees are permitted.
- No tights or spandex pants may be worn as bottoms.
- Exposed undergarments are not allowed.
- Athletic shorts, jogging shorts, nylon shorts, biker shorts, wind shorts, basketball shorts, boxer shorts or any other bottoms made of these materials are not acceptable.
- Any type of clothing deemed too tight is not acceptable.
- No clothing made of spandex or similar body-hugging fabric or material is allowed.
- No bedtime attire (pajamas) may be worn.

Tops

Acceptable styles include:

- Polo style shirt (pullover shirt with collar and several buttons) - Polos may be solid or print. For example, any solid color, stripe, polka dots, etc. However, polo shirts with sayings, slogans, signs or symbols that may be deemed suggestive or inappropriate will not be allowed and are at the discretion of the campus principal.
- AES PTO spirit shirts may be worn Monday through Friday.
- Spirit shirts as approved by campus administrator may be worn on Fridays only. Spirit shirts include tops that promote Anahuac ISD and community programs such as AYSO, 4-H, Gatorfest, etc.
- Tops that are not of sufficient length to be tucked in are not considered acceptable.
- Appropriate sized shirt - No longer than fingertip length.
- Girls may wear polo-style jersey dresses that are index finger length or longer (shorts or tights should be worn under dresses).

Footwear

- Closed-toe, rubber soled shoes are recommended at all times.
- Athletic/tennis shoes must be worn in P.E. Athletic shoe must lace-up or be secured by Velcro (no slip-on type tennis shoes allowed).
- No wheels on shoes are allowed.
- Shoes with lights must be turned off during the instructional day or not worn to school.

Head Coverings

- No type of head covering, cap, hat, hoodie, do-rag, etc. is permitted in the building with the exception of special days designated by the administration.

Winter Attire (Coats, Jackets, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts) A polo style shirt must be worn under any winter garment.

- Coats, jackets, sweaters, and/or sweatshirts that have an attached hood (hoodie) are allowed. The hood may not be worn inside the building at any time. A classroom teacher has the authority to ask students to remove the garment for their class period.

Tatoos and Piercings

- Temporary tatoos must be covered. Students may wear the Panther Spirit temporary tatoos on Spirit Day.
- No body piercing: girls may wear earrings.

Hair

- Boys' hair is to be off the collar in the back and above the eyebrows in the front when comb down. Hair on the side will not fall below the earlobe. Hair will be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Boy's afro hair shall be no longer than 2 inches. Dreadlocks, mohawks, or other similar hair styles are not permitted. Braids on males must be neat, tight to the head, and end against the head. Tails on braids may not extend below the collar. Hair fashions may not disrupt the educational setting, for example: no designs cut in the hair.
- Fauxhawk width must be temple to temple and must not be taller than 2 inches.
- Unnatural hair color or color variation in hair (i.e. scarlet, purple, blue, green, orange, etc.) will not be permitted.

Principal's Authority:

The principal or designee will determine if clothing or attire not addressed in this policy creates a distraction to the educational process and may prohibit that clothing or attire for his or her campus. Administrators have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of dress and grooming and to make special exceptions, including medical necessities.

Consequences

If a dress code violation occurs, student will be sent to the principal's office or the nurse's office and the parent will be notified by office staff. An opportunity to correct the violation will be given. In the case that a parent is unable to be reached, the child will be given the option of spending the remainder of the day in ISS or a change of clothes that meet dress code requirements.

Any student taken home by parents for a change of clothes, without nurse or principal approval, will have an unexcused absence for any missed class time.