

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels) (Revised July 2016)

Philosophy

All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness, and neatness; to dress in a respectful manner within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it. Students who fail to comply with the dress code may be subject to disciplinary actions.

Dress and grooming:

1. Shall not give school officials reason to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; or
2. Shall not create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of other students.

The principal or assistant principal has final judgment on whether or not a student is in compliance with the dress code.

Specific Requirements

1. Hair shall be neat, clean, and well groomed, and not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face.
2. Hair coloring and/or grooming that is deemed by the principal as a distraction shall be prohibited. Ex: mohawks, liberty spikes, pink or green hair color, etc.
3. Any clothing or accessory (belt) with improper fit (exceeding one size beyond correct size) shall not be allowed on campus. The waist of pants and shorts must be worn at the proper place of the anatomy and not low around the hips.
4. Shorts or skirts must allow students to be able to stand, sit, and/or bend with modesty. Shorts and skirts must be "finger-tip length," that is the length cannot be shorter than the level where the finger tips fall when the student's hands are at his/her sides. Skirts featuring high slits above "finger-tip length" are not appropriate for school.
5. Garments must have a finished, stitched hem. Manufactured boot-cut slits are acceptable. Rips in jeans that are above the fingertip length area will be considered a violation. Rips or holes that expose large areas of skin will not be permitted.
6. Shirts that show the bare midriff when the student's hands are extended above the head are not permitted.
7. All shirts must have sleeves. Tank tops are not permitted.
8. Students shall wear clothing in keeping with their gender. Pajamas and/or sleepwear are not permitted.
9. Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately buttoned. Low-cut sundresses, sheer blouses, see-through blouses, or any clothing that exposes undergarments and/or breast cleavage is prohibited.
10. Shoes, boots, or sandals are to be worn. House shoes/slippers may not be worn. Steel-toed boots, cleats, skates, shoes with rollers, spikes, taps, and/or boots or shoes with sharp studs are not allowed.

11. Clothing, accessories, and/or belongings featuring pictures, emblems, or writings that promote inappropriate subjects such as death, suicide, racism, gang-related attire and the occult are not permitted. Neither may clothing, accessories, and/or belongings advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any prohibited substances or activities. Messages that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, inappropriately suggestive, or obscene are not appropriate. Shirts, backpacks, clothing, accessories, and/or other possessions that depict or name groups, whether real or fictional, that are well known for promoting illegal activities, including but not limited to murder, rape, suicide, sexual references, drug usage, etc., shall not be worn.
12. Tight-fitting clothing is not permitted without a covering garment that when worn alone meets the other guidelines of this dress code. This may include but not be limited to: camisoles, leggings, biking shorts/tights (spandex), or athletic/athletic-type girdle.
13. No jewelry or trinket that is noisy and/or promotes undue distraction in the school environment shall be permitted.
14. No “chains” (including wallet chains) are allowed.
15. Spiked jewelry and mouth “grillz” shall not be permitted.
16. Sunglasses and hair curlers are not appropriate.
17. Body piercing is restricted to the ear and a stud in the nose. Bandages, tape, or other coverings used for the express purpose of covering body piercing jewelry and spacers will not be allowed.
18. “Gauging” of the ears, or any part of the body, is prohibited.
19. Hats, caps, beanies, bandannas, sweat bands, or other head covering apparel are not allowed in the building.
20. No trench coats or dusters.
21. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed and clean.

Please be advised that backpacks, shoes, belt buckles, purses, clothing and any other school supplies must adhere to the WISD dress code.

Bridge Campus (District Alternative Education Placement)

For the safety of all students, the dress code for the District’s Disciplinary Alternative School, Bridge, shall contain additional, stringent, dress code requirements. The Bridge School Dress Code shall be presented to the student and parents at the time of placement in the Bridge School.

Considerations

In reviewing with students the appropriateness of dress and grooming to meet the prescribed standards, school officials are to consider:

1. Rules are in effect for the time the District has jurisdiction over the student;
2. Dress for social functions and special activities will be determined by the sponsors of these functions and will be announced prior to the occasion;
3. In connection with extra-curricular activities, the coach, sponsor, or other person in charge may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity.

Students electing to participate in the following courses and extra-curricular activities must meet reasonable dress and grooming specifications prescribed by the teacher, coach, sponsor, or director of the course or activity. Some examples of these are U.I.L. competitive activities, such as band, speech, choir, drama, all team sports, and career and technology courses.

Violations

The administration of each campus shall provide proper notification to students and parents prior to any change in dress and grooming standards.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or assistant principal shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the administrator shall notify the student's parent and request that the parents make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal shall take disciplinary action. Appropriate disciplinary procedures shall be followed to include removal from school until the student is in compliance with the dress code.

The building administration shall use its discretion in questions concerning the dress code. Where there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the school administrators' decision shall be final. Students who repeatedly disregard rules of dress or grooming shall be considered insubordinate and shall be subject to further discipline management techniques as described in the *Student Code of Conduct*.