

TULIA I.S.D. DRESS CODE

The District's dress code is established to create and maintain a respectful and positive learning environment, to prevent disruption, minimize health and safety hazards, and teach students grooming and hygiene standards.

A student's dress and grooming should be clean, neat and in good taste at all times. A student's appearance shall not create a distraction from nor interfere with the normal orderly process of the instructional program or of the management of any school program.

If a student fails to comply with the dress code, the principal will request that the student make the appropriate corrections. This may include changing into clothing provided by the school. If the student refuses to make the appropriate corrections, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted for assistance in making the necessary corrections. If both the student and the parent refuse, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Students refusing to comply may be subject to unexcused absence. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in more serious disciplinary action. In all cases, appropriate disciplinary action will be administered in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Requirements:

Hair

- Shall, be neat, clean, and well-groomed
- Must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face.
- All hair color shall be natural hair colors. Students will not be able to spray paint or dye their hair green, blue, purple, pink, or any other unnatural tints. Hair extensions or feathers must be of natural color.
- Notching of the eyebrows is prohibited.
- Designs in hair and mohawks are prohibited.
- Mustaches and beards will be kept neatly trimmed, clean and will be not be excessive in nature.

Apparel

- All apparel, accessories shall not advertise, condone, depict, or promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, suicide, death, racism, bigotry, violence, gang topics, the occult, vulgar or obscene language and/or topics that are gang-related or sexual in nature.
- Wearing either gang apparel or wearing clothing in a gang-style as identified by law enforcement agencies is prohibited.
- Sheer clothing, see through, or fishnet is prohibited unless non-revealing clothing meeting dress code is worn underneath.
- **Shirts and blouses** must be buttoned appropriately and include the following:
 - The midriff must be covered at all times, including when arms are raised over the student's head and when the student is seated.
 - Spaghetti straps, tank tops, and halter tops are prohibited unless layered over an appropriate shirt or blouse.
 - Undergarments should not be visible anywhere, including the armholes.

- Necklines must not be low or revealing. The back of the shirts and dress tops will be no lower than the top of the armpits.
- **Pants** must fit appropriately over the hips. Sagging or bagging with pants or shorts shall not be permitted. Rolled waist bands are not permitted if rolling causes the midriff to be uncovered.
 - Excessively tight or revealing clothing is not permitted. Leggings, tights, or any spandex must be covered with a top that reaches finger-tip length.
 - Frayed or threadbare jeans will be allowed but must not expose any bare skin or underwear.
- **Dresses, skirts, and shorts** must allow students to be able to stand, sit, and/or bend with modesty.
 - In grades 3-12, these items, when worn as the outer garment, shall extend at least to the tip of the middle finger when the arms are held straight at the side and the student is standing straight (without shrugging, bending, or stretching in an attempt to make the length work).
 - The top of any slits and/or holes in outer garments shall comply with this same dress code length.
 - In grades PK-2, shorts should be worn underneath dresses.
 - Shorts must be of a non-revealing fabric or style. Spandex biker shorts, or boxer shorts, are not allowed.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, visors, hoods, or other head coverings may not be worn in the school building except on approved occasions.
- Long overcoats or trench coats are prohibited.
- Blankets are prohibited.
- Pajamas or slippers/house shoes may not be worn at school except on approved occasions.

Footwear

- For reasons of health and safety, shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes with wheels and large, bulky or animal-shaped type house shoes or house shoes are prohibited.
- Properly fitted tennis shoes (with an enclosed back) are required for physical education classes.

Jewelry, Accessories and Make-up

- Body/facial piercing, including the tongue, lips, and/or eyebrows are prohibited. This includes spacers of any kind. Gauging of the ears, nose, or lips are prohibited. Other body piercing must be covered.
- Tattoos that are lewd, vulgar, violent, gang related, or depict profanity or prohibited items (i.e. alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products) must be covered at all times while in classroom, on school grounds, or at school activities or school sponsored events.
- Chains, including wallet chains, are not allowed.
- Spiked jewelry or jewelry that is noisy, causes a distraction, or that could be dangerous to the student or other individuals is prohibited (i.e. necklaces made out of safety pins and chain links).
- Contacts that are an unnatural eye color (i.e. purple), “wild eye” contacts, or contacts that alter the normal shape and look of the pupil are prohibited.

- Sunglasses or other eyewear that is not for a medical reason is prohibited from being worn inside school buildings.
- Students are not permitted to excessively write on skin and/or clothing items.
- Ultra wild makeup is prohibited.

Extracurricular Activities: Extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for students participating in those programs.

Additional Information:

Medical conditions, supported by documentation from a physician, or certain recognized religious beliefs may qualify for an exception to certain provisions of the dress code. However, any exceptions must receive prior approval by the campus administrator.

Grooming and dress for special activities and extra-curricular activities are under the direction of the principal (i.e. Prom, Homecoming, Graduation, field trips, "hat" day, etc.).

The dress code provides requirements regarding common situations but cannot cover every style of dress and specific situations that may arise. The District reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonably expected to pose a health or safety hazard or to cause substantial disruption of, distraction from, or interference with general school operations.