

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:

GROOMING

Hair is to be neat, clean, and well-groomed and styled so that vision will not be obstructed.

Facial hair is not permitted and sideburns are to be no lower than the bottom of earlobe.

Disruptive hairstyles will not be permitted.

DRESS

Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. No steel-toed shoes/boots, roller-shoes, or house shoes are permitted. Roller bladed shoes / Heelys are not allowed. House shoes are not permitted for everyday wear, but there are certain days that they will be permitted (pajama day, etc.) Parents will be notified of these designated exemption days. Shorts and skirts may be worn but must meet the following standards:

- Appropriate size fitting (no biking shorts, unstitched frayed cutoffs, boxer shorts, or combinations thereof)
- Length must be at least 2" below the longest fingertip while standing and wearing the garment at the waist.
- Dress length must be at least 2" below the longest fingertip while standing. Leggings are acceptable if worn under clothing that meets the dress code.
- Shirts should overlap the waistband of skirts, shorts, or pants. If the shirttail comes above the waistband when both arms are raised, then the shirt will be considered inappropriate, unless an under layer of clothing is being worn in combination with it. Entire midriff must be covered whether sitting or standing.
- Sleeveless tops, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops/blouses, mesh shirts, extremely tight, and spaghetti strap clothing shall not be worn to school.
- Low cut blouses or shirts will not be permitted. Undergarments, including bra straps and sports bras, are not to be visible. All layered clothing combinations must meet dress code.
- Spaghetti straps are allowed at Paul Belton, Gateway, and Crockett as long as shirts have limited exposure in the underarm area.
- Pants/Jeans must be at waist level. A belt will be required if a student is unable to keep them from falling below waist.

THE FOLLOWING SHALL NOT BE WORN TO SCHOOL:

- Sunglasses or gloves worn in the buildings
- Visible body jewelry other than earrings. One stud or dime sized hoop may be worn in each ear by male students.
- Chains or jewelry that could be used as a weapon or pose a safety hazard
- Clothing with holes in inappropriate places, where holes reveal skin that otherwise would

not be in dress code

- Sagging or oversized pants or shorts
- Gang paraphernalia
- Sleepwear including house shoes
- Items with provocative, offensive, violent, or drug-related pictures or slogans, items advertising beverages or tobacco products.
- Any school organization uniform must meet the dress code if worn to school.
- Hats, caps, hoods, bandanas, scarves, and other head coverings may not be worn inside the building.
- Extremes of any kind are not in good taste and are not to be permitted.

All safety rules must be obeyed. No set of guidelines can take into account every possibility.

The cooperation of each student is requested. Students are expected to abide by these guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action.

Initial judgment as to appropriateness will be made by the teacher, with final judgment made by the principal.

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 will 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.