



2023-2024 Student Dress Code

GENERAL CLOTHING EXPECTATIONS

The intent of this dress code is to uphold the values and standards of our community while allowing students to make personal grooming choices that are acceptable and appropriate for the school setting. Any clothes, accessories, symbols, or jewelry which depict or suggest gang affiliation shall not be brought or worn to school.

Bare shoulders, bare backs, bare midriffs, and low necklines are unacceptable. Any type of transparent material worn as clothing is not acceptable. Clothing must be appropriately sized to preserve modesty. Appropriate underclothing must be worn and covered at all times. Students may not wear pajamas or like garments to school.

The principal and assistant principal(s) are authorized to make determinations regarding whether any fashion, fad, hair, jewelry or article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear or disruptive to the educational process or safety of the campus.

FACE COVERINGS

The District may implement a recommendation for face coverings and other health and safety measures as deemed necessary, given an increase in respiratory or other illnesses.

PANTS AND/OR JEANS

Pants/jeans of any color and appropriately sized shall be free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs, or weapons.

- Pants must be fitted and worn at the waist level.
- Pants must be free of holes, rips, slits, or tears no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Undergarments above the knee must not be visible through the pants.
- Capri pants are permitted as long as they meet the criteria listed above.

DRESSES/SKIRTS/JUMPERS

Dresses/skirts/jumpers of any color and appropriately sized, shall be free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs, or weapons.

- All dresses must have sleeves.
- Slits or hems on dresses/jumpers/skirts may come no higher than 2 inches above the knee.
- Undergarments must not be visible through the dresses/skirts/jumpers.
- All dresses/skirts/jumpers must be free of holes and tears.

SHORTS PK-12

Shorts of any color and appropriately sized must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee and be free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Undergarments must not be visible.

SPIRIT SHIRTS

Spirit shirts may be worn on days designated by the campus principal. Girl Scout and Boy Scout uniforms are appropriate at any time.

SHOES

Shoes must have backs and be securely fastened at all times.

SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS/LIGHT JACKETS/HOODIES/COATS

Sweaters/sweatshirts/hoodies of any color shall be appropriately sized and free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons.

- Campus letter jackets or light jackets with an approved campus-specific logo are permissible.
- Trench coats or oversized jackets are not allowed on any PISD campus.

Campuses may require coats and jackets to be stored in a designated area on campus.

ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

In addition, the following standards of student dress and grooming shall be maintained.

- Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed.
- No type of head covering, cap or hat may be worn on campus.
- Mustaches and beards are prohibited, and faces must be clean-shaven. Sideburns must be neat and trimmed and not extend below ear.
- Students at elementary school campuses may not use any type of cosmetics, including but not limited to mascara and artificial nails. Nail polish is acceptable.
- Patterned contact lenses are prohibited.

BOOK BAGS, BACKPACKS AND PURSES

Book bags and backpacks may be prohibited on any campus under the authority of the campus principal. The principal may require clear or transparent backpacks.

EARRINGS/BODY PIERCING/OTHER JEWELRY

All students may wear earrings as long as the earrings are not a safety hazard or distraction. Students are not permitted to wear non-traditional piercings (nose, lip, etc.). Students are not allowed to wear gauges or other devices to expand the earlobe. Elementary students may not wear more than two earrings in each earlobe. Jewelry should not be worn in physical education classes. At the discretion of the principal, coach, or other person in charge of physical education classes, students may be required to remove jewelry in order to safely participate.

TATTOOS

All tattoos must be completely covered.

BADGES

Student identification badges are required to be worn at all times once distributed by the campus. Badges shall be replaced at the expense of the student if the badge is lost, stolen, broken, defaced, or distorted. The campus principal will specify when and how the badge is to be displayed.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The principal and the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity may regulate the dress and grooming of the students participating in or attending the activity.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Elementary students and fifth grade students at the middle school wear their regular school clothing to physical education. During physical education class, shorts may be worn under dresses or skirts. Proper clothing and shoes, which offer support and protection, allow students to participate successfully and safely in games and activities. Some examples of unacceptable shoes are as follows: flip flops, boots, crocs or shoes with high heels, wooden soles, wheels or cleats. Campus administrators may provide additional guidance on the physical education dress code.

All students in grade six (6) should be given the option to dress out for physical education. All students 7-12 grade will dress out for physical education daily. Campus physical education teachers will share the physical education uniform expectations at the beginning of each semester from the following options: District provided P.E. uniforms, spirit type P.E. shirts/uniforms sold on campus or student provided appropriate physical education clothes. It is preferred that students be dressed alike so that physical education students can be easily identified in the gym or outside for safety reasons.

MEDICAL/RELIGIOUS EXCEPTIONS

The principal may grant an exception to any of the above requirements if a guardian presents documentation of a religious or medical reason that would prevent their student's compliance with any of the above provisions.

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