

Student Dress Code



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STUDENT DRESS CODE

A student's conduct is related to his/her clothing. Therefore, the school is directly concerned with students' clothing. The appropriateness of a student's clothing for the school environment should dictate the choice of clothing and grooming practices on each given day.

Some campuses have implemented a uniform requirement pursuant to AISD policy FNCA (Local). A copy of this policy is included in the section titled Student Complaint and Appeal Process for Off Campus Placement. Parents and students should check with the campus to confirm whether uniforms are required.

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 this dress code may be sent home and may be subject to disciplinary actions.

Any clothing, accessories, symbols, jewelry, or other paraphernalia, which depicts or suggests association with a gang, secret society, or fraternity, shall not be brought to school, worn at school, or in any way be present at any school-sponsored event.

Any other considerations will be determined by the individual school administrators. The school administration shall have the right to consider any current fashion to determine its acceptability for school wear.

Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained **prior to wearing it to school**; this can be obtained from the school administration. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school's administration.

Teachers are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress code in their classes as well as on campus. Administrators and other school personnel share the same responsibility. Teachers shall follow building procedure for discipline referral regarding dress code violations.

No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with district policies. It should be noted, however, that it is the responsibility of the student and parent that the student adhere to the dress code, as follows:

1. General

- A. Any clothing, jewelry or accessories with decorations, patches, lettering advertisements, etc., that may be considered obscene or offensive are not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry, or accessories having criminal street gang identifiers, accessories that may be used as weapons, accessories having drug, sex, tobacco or alcoholic beverage references or designs.
- B. Form fitting garments such as Spandex may only be worn with another layer of clothing, which meets the dress code.

2. Shirts and Blouses

- A. Crop tops, tube tops, halters and spaghetti straps are unacceptable (anything less than two inches is considered a spaghetti strap). Strapless dresses without jackets are unacceptable.
- B. The display of cleavage is unacceptable. Low cut blouses, tops, sweaters etc. with plunging necklines are not allowed
- C. The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest finger with the student's hand fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
- D. Transparent and/or see-through material is considered unacceptable. Shirts/tops must touch the waist of pants/skirts at all times (i.e. when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.)
- E. A boy's shirt should cover the entire crown of the shoulder.

3. Dresses, Skirts, Skorts

- A. The length of a skirt/dress/skort must be a minimum of half the distance between the fingertips and the top of the knee when the student's hand is fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
- B. When measuring skirts, dresses, or skorts that have slits, the length will be determined by measuring from the top of the slit.

4. Shorts

The minimum length of shorts must be no shorter than the tip of the longest finger with student's hand fully extended down the side of the student's leg.

5. Pants

Intentionally torn or cut/slashed pants are considered inappropriate. Manufactured boot-cut slits are acceptable.

6. Sagging Pants

Students shall wear their trousers or overalls properly at the waist. No sagging.

7. Accessories

- A. All students must wear shoes.
- B. Students should wear athletic footwear in order to participate in any physical education class.
- C. Hair should be kept neat, clean and reasonably styled.
- D. Any type of head covering is unacceptable.
- E. Religious exceptions must be cleared by the principal.
- F. Proper undergarments should be worn but not visible.
- G. Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not be a distraction to the learning environment.
- H. Chains or spiked jewelry are unacceptable.
 - I. Pierced body ornaments are restricted to the ear. Unauthorized visible piercings may not be maintained by spacers or covered with bandages or coverings.
- J. No Gauging. Principals will deal with gauging on a case-by-case basis.
- K. Mouth “grillz” are not permitted. The determination of what constitutes “grillz” is within the discretion of the principals.

8. Identification badges.

All high school and junior high school students shall wear their AISD-issued student identification badges or temporary badges at all times while on a school campus or attending a school related extracurricular activity. Badges must be visible to AISD employees at all times. Badges cannot be worn underneath clothing and cannot be carried in a student’s pocket, backpack, bag purse, etc.