

# Sheldon ISD

## DRESS CODE 2018-2019



Dress and Grooming Regulations for All Campuses

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It is essential that school guidelines be such that an atmosphere for learning is created. Dress regulations should discourage the extremes and the fads that may lead to disruptions or to distractions. The terms disruptive and/or distracting refer to anything that causes attention to be diverted away from normal instructional time or school activities.

Such regulations should provide appropriate standards for the general appearance of students, should foster both physical and mental health, and should train students in proper dress habits. The regulations governing campus dress and grooming standards will be enforced by the administration and by the faculty. It shall be the responsibility of the professional staff to determine the appropriateness of proper dress for all school occasions.

### General Requirements for All Students:

1. Students may not wear a military uniform to school unless it is in conjunction with a school-approved activity.
2. Students may not wear suggestive or inappropriately-located decorative patches, insignia, or clothing with improper advertising, pictures, slogans, or statements.
3. The American flag is not to be worn as an article of clothing. A depiction of the American flag on or attached to clothing in a respectful manner is acceptable.
4. Hats or head coverings may not be worn in the school buildings.
5. Appropriate footwear is required.
6. Any garment or design of a garment which is too short or too revealing may not be worn to school. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.
7. Any attire that is distracting or disturbing will not be permitted on school property.
8. No underwear-styled garments will be worn as an outer garment.
9. Shorts/skirts/dresses are acceptable as long as they are fingertip length or longer when standing. Bike shorts of any style or length, worn either as an outer or visible under garment, are prohibited.
10. Pants that hang on the hipbone, result in a bare midriff, or are too revealing are not acceptable. The waistband or other material belonging to the undergarments must not be visible. No holes or tears above mid-thigh are acceptable unless worn over leggings or tights.

11. Any low-cut, see-through, or backless garment may not be worn to school. Straps on outer garments must be sufficiently wide to cover undergarments.
12. Hair must be clean, well groomed, and of a natural hair color (black, brown, brunette, blonde, natural red). Any hair style that is distracting or disturbing will not be permitted on school property.
13. [High School Only] Facial hair must be neatly groomed and styled in a way that is not distracting and may not reach a length greater than 1 inch.
14. No paraphernalia that indicates or promotes gang membership may be worn or displayed (this may include but is not limited to bandannas, chains, jewelry, hip cloths, baggy pants, t-shirts, gang writing, and color codes).
15. Piercings:
  - Earrings on boys are not allowed.
  - No other body piercings are allowed (i.e., eyebrow, nose, tongue rings, etc).
16. Tattoos, icons and any other markings on the body that cannot be removed shall be covered at all times in an unobtrusive manner that is not disruptive to the instructional process. A student who has such markings on his or her body and who wishes to participate in extracurricular activities shall ensure that the markings are covered by the standard uniform for the activity or in another appropriate manner. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, shall regulate and enforce these guidelines.
17. Students may not wear orthodontic appliances (i.e., grills) unless prescribed by a medical doctor/dentist.
18. Backpacks must be clear or mesh unless it is in conjunction with a school-approved activity (i.e., cheerleading, Pantherettes, athletics).
19. Student IDs must be worn at all times.

### **Exceptions**

Exceptions to the Sheldon ISD Dress Code due to medical reasons must be approved by the grade-level 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 may 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.

