

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and students are expected to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. While we respect students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school. We also will not permit any attire or accessory that contains references or conveys membership in gangs or gang related activity.

The campus administration will be the authority in all decisions regarding the grooming and dress code. Any provisions not covered in the code, any interpretation of the code, or any exception to the code will be administration's responsibility. The grooming and dress code applies to all students enrolled in the Magnolia Independent School District while at school sponsored activities. Sponsors of school-related activities, with the approval of the building principal, may enforce additional guidelines as they relate to their activity or event. Students assigned to the Discipline Alternative Education Program (DAEP) will be subject to a dress code that is determined appropriate for that assignment.

The following guidelines for dress and grooming will be followed:

Dress Clothing will:

- Include appropriate undergarments, worn but not visible.
- Contain no inappropriate or excessive holes, rips, cuts, or tears.
- Permit see-through attire only with appropriate shirt underneath and worn with appropriate public decorum.
- Not be worn if primarily designed as sleepwear.
- Have no drawing or writing on it. 37 Shirts must:
- Cover the midriff in a normal standing, sitting, or moving position.
- Be kept properly zipped or buttoned without a low neck or low back.
- Not be tank tops or muscle shirts unless an appropriate shirt/blouse is worn underneath.
- Have the blouse straps cover the shoulder.

Shorts or pants must:

- Be appropriately sized and cinched at the waist.
- May not be worn in a way that conceals contraband.
- Not be short shorts, cycling shorts, spandex shorts, or cut-offs.
- Be mid-thigh or longer when standing.
- Have an accompanying garment that is mid-thigh in length if the pants are leggings.

Skirts or dresses must:

- Cover the shoulder.
- Be mid-thigh or longer.
- Not have slits higher than mid-thigh.

Shoes must:

- Be worn.

- Be designed to be primarily worn outside the home. Examples of inappropriate shoes includes house shoes or slippers.
- Be without wheels, metal or hard taps.
 - Not be flip-flops during recess or P.E. Appropriate athletic shoes must be worn during these times of activity for safety purposes.

Accessories guidelines are as follows:

- Earrings may be worn only by girls. Earrings worn by boys will be confiscated and may not be returned to the student.
- Have no visible body piercings. Body piercings include, but are not limited to, nose rings or facial piercings of any type. Piercing jewelry will be confiscated and will not be returned to the student.
- Have no visible tattoos.
- Chains may not be worn.
- Jewelry, which in the administrator's judgment would interfere with instruction or disrupt the regular educational program, will not be permitted.
- Headbands, bandanas, neck bands, leg bands, or armbands are not permitted.
- Colored glasses will not be permitted to be worn inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor for inside use.
- Long coats may not be worn in the building.
- Hats may not be worn in the building.

Grooming Students will:

- Be expected to maintain appropriate hygiene at all times.

Hair will:

- Be kept clean, well-groomed, and worn out of the eyes.
- Be of a natural hair color.
- Be no longer than the bottom of a dress shirt collar, bottom of the ear, and out of the eyes for male students.
- Not be pinned up in any fashion nor be worn in a ponytail or bun for male students.
- Be monitored and adjusted appropriately when students participate in a class where a safety hazard or health code must be considered.
- Not be allowed if the hairstyle is deemed a distraction by administration (i.e., Mohawks, tails, designs shaved in hair).
- Shaven with regards to facial hair. No beards or mustaches of any style are allowed on students.
- Sideburns may not be longer than the bottom of the ear.

Administrators have the authority to determine and to regulate any distracting attire or grooming issues. 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 Cond