

General Provisions of Dress and Grooming

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations. This would include:

- grooming or clothing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene and/or,
- advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (legal).

The student and parent may determine student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the general guidelines set, the student dress code and any uniform rules outlined in the student handbook.



The district has determined that appropriate dress and grooming positively impacts the learning environment. The following dress and grooming provisions are established to instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards and provide a safe and stable school climate.

Dress Code Requirements

- No bottom attire shorter than mid-knee length is allowed. Tights, hosiery or leggings may not substitute for pants.
- No bottom attire that does not fit properly is allowed.
- Appropriate footwear promotes safety and includes but is not limited to:
 - close-toed shoes (not reinforced with hard materials such as steel),
 - open-toed shoes (must be secured to the heel with straps).
- No caps, hats, or bandanas are acceptable without a written excuse from a U. S. Medical Doctor. Any religious or cultural head covering must be approved by the campus principal.
- No clothing that distracts from the educational setting may be worn. This includes but is not limited to clothing with visible undergarments or that is torn, ripped, frayed, or cut exposing areas of skin such as abdomen, cleavage, buttocks, etc.
- No tank tops, tube-tops, muscle shirts, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, or backless tops.
- No clothing with inappropriate advertising, statements, emblems or drawings and tattoos that might be considered lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, inflammatory or gang related.
- No pajamas or pajama like clothing.
- All tops longer than wrist length must be tucked in.
- Acceptable jewelry or accessories include only earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, and rings.
- Boys may have neatly groomed mustaches and facial hair.
- Hair must be combed and styled in such a manner that is not distracting.



A Dress Code Guide for Students & Parents

Pre-K through 12th

Standardized Dress

To continue fulfilling our promise, McAllen ISD is committed to requiring a higher expectation of dress for our students.

The district believes that appropriate dress and grooming positively impacts the learning environment. The following dress and grooming provisions are established to instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a safe, secure, and stable climate.



In order to help our parents and students understand what the McAllen Independent School District requires in its dress code, what follows is a guide. For **a complete description** of our board policy, visit **www.mcallenisd.org** and download our policy (FNCA local) or refer to your child's Student Code of Conduct. It is also recommended that parents and students speak with campus administrators to get a better understanding of the requirements.

Outerwear

For purposes of maintaining school safety, long coats extending below mid-thigh, including but not limited to trench coats, shall not be permitted. Coats or hooded sweatshirts shall not be oversized and must maintain clear visibility of the required uniform components, if applicable.



Extracurricular Activities



The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the campus principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

School Uniforms

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations allowing each campus to decide whether to implement a mandatory school uniform program with prior Board approval. A campus that implements a mandatory school uniform shall do so in accordance with administrative regulations.



Implementation of School Uniforms

A campus that decides to implement a mandatory school uniform program shall submit a written proposal to the Board of Trustees. This proposal shall include the following points in order to ensure the effective implementation of the initiative.

- A. Rationale
- B. Process
- C. Survey
- D. Implementation/Inform
- E. Enforcement/Discipline
- F. Acceptable

Each campus submitting an application for a school uniform program shall work closely with members of the Site Based Decision Making Committee (SBDM) and its local community to ensure support and proper responsiveness. The Board of Trustees shall make the final decision to require students at that campus to wear school uniforms. Students

shall wear uniforms beginning on the 90th day after the date on which the Board of Trustees accepts the proposal.

Dress Requirements

Each campus shall provide information describing in detail the uniform and list the range of costs for each item of clothing as provided by a variety of vendors. The information shall also state that in cases of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's campus to request assistance.

The intent of these administrative procedures is not to inhibit or prohibit any student who is not in uniform from receiving an education to which he or she is entitled. Students who violate the Dress Code Policy will be required to wear District issued shirt and pants for the entire school day. Students who refuse or do not comply with the District Dress Code Policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student not complying with the student dress code, a conference with the parent or guardian shall be held with a school administrator and counselor to solicit parental cooperation and support.

All teachers and staff will conduct dress code inspections at the start of the school day on a daily basis.

Source of Funding

A funding source (local, state, and/or federal) shall be identified through the development of the budget to provide for the purchase of uniforms at the designated school for students who are economically disadvantaged. Campuses participating in this initiative shall develop administrative guidelines to identify students in need of financial assistance.

Exemption and Transfer

A parent or guardian of a student assigned to a school where uniforms are required may choose for the student to be exempt from the uniform requirement or request a transfer to another campus where uniforms are not required and where space is available. If the transfer option is taken, the parent shall provide transportation to and from campus.

In order to exercise one of these options, the parent shall provide a written statement citing religious beliefs or philosophical objection to the uniform requirement to the campus principal. The request shall be processed to determine its merit and submitted to the Superintendent or designee for approval.

Samples of Appropriate Dress Attire



Proper Dress Attire

McAllen ISD has determined that appropriate dress and grooming positively impacts the learning environment. The pictures shown above are examples of dress and grooming provisions that have been established to instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a safe, secure, and stable school climate. The exception is if a campus has enacted a school uniform policy as per FNCA LOCAL. For proper dress code information, you are encouraged to visit the McAllen ISD website at www.mcallenisd.org and access the dress code policy.

Las muestras de Traje Apropiado de Vestido



El Traje apropiado del Vestido

McAllen ISD ha determinado eso apropiado vestido y arreglarse impresionan positivamente el ambiente de aprendizaje. Las imágenes mostrados encima de son ejemplos de vestido y arreglarse provisiones que han sido establecidas para inculcar disciplina, prevenir interrupción, evitar peligros de seguridad, y proporcionar un seguro, asegura, y el clima fijo de la escuela. La excepción es si un campus ha decretado una política de uniforme escolar de acuerdo con FNCA LOCAL. Para la información apropiada de código de vestido, es favorecido a visitar el sitio web de McAllen ISD en www.mcallenisd.org y conseguir acceso a la política de código de vestido.

Samples of Inappropriate Dress Attire



Dress Attire

McAllen ISD has determined that appropriate dress and grooming positively impacts the learning environment. The pictures shown above are examples of inappropriate dress. Specific provisions have been established to instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a safe, secure, and stable school climate. The exception is if a campus has enacted a school uniform as per FNCA LOCAL. For proper dress code information, you are encouraged to visit the McAllen ISD website at www.mcallenisd.org and access the dress code policy.

Ejemplos de Vestimentas Inapropiadas



Vestimentas Apropriadas

El distrito escolar independiente de McAllen ha determinado que el vestir y la presentación personal impactan de manera positiva el ambiente educativo. Las ilustraciones anteriores muestran ejemplos de la vestimenta y presentación personal inapropiadas. La póliza de vestuario se ha autorizado para establecer un ambiente de disciplina, prevenir interrupciones innecesarias y prevenir incidentes; esto con el propósito de mantener un clima de seguridad y estabilidad en las escuelas. Las únicas excepciones a estas reglas son para los campus que adoptaron una póliza de uniforme este año escolar, de acuerdo a FNCA LOCAL. Para más información sobre el código de vestuario, los invitamos a que visiten la página de Internet del distrito de McAllen ISD www.mcallenisd.org y accesen las pólizas de vestimenta.