

DISD JH/HS Dress and Grooming (Grades 6-12)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat. We expect students 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 understand 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. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations. The dress code is in effect at every school sponsored activity, either at DISD campuses or at any other site where DISD students are in attendance and/or participating. Consequence for not following rules will be ejection from event and further action could result in a ban of all activities.

The **dress code is in effect immediately upon arrival** to campus and remains in effect continuously until **one is completely off school grounds**. If a student's apparel is considered inappropriate by the principal or his designee, the student will be given the opportunity to correct the dress code violation. If the student is not able to correct the violation, he / she will be sent to ISS for the remainder of the day. If the student does correct the dress code violation, he / she must attend after school / lunch detention the following day.

- **ADVERTISING, ETC.:** Advertising of alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, other obscene or questionable printing on clothing is prohibited.
- **BLANKETS:** Blankets are not permitted in school. Students are advised to wear a sweater or sweatshirt if they feel the need for additional warmth.
- **HATS or HEAD COVERINGS:** No hats or head covering of any kind is allowed, unless designated. While hoodies are currently allowed in the dress code, the hood part (which is a head covering) is not allowed to be worn in the building. Persistent violation of this rule will result in the loss of being able to wear a hoodie to school for a period of time to be determined by the campus administrator.
- **MOUTH JEWELRY (Grills):** Any décor worn in the mouth or on the teeth that is not permanently fixed is prohibited.
- **SAGGING:** Sagging is defined as wearing jeans, trousers, shorts, etc. with the waist of the garment being worn excessively low. This is not appropriate or permissible at school. Visibility of undergarments is not allowed.
- **SHOES:** Shoes will be worn at all times. Shoes with cleats, and skating shoes are not appropriate footwear. In some cases classes/extracurricular school events may require footwear appropriate to the task, such as but not limited to shop/science lab classes where steel toe shoes may be required. House shoes are not allowed.
- **SHORTS:** Shorts must be loose fitting and at least fingertip length.

- **SHIRTS:** Any oversized or revealing clothing will not be permitted. Including but not limited to: bare midriff, cutoffs, crop top shirts, bodysuits, low plunging, bare back or see through clothing, tank tops, or spaghetti strap shirts (unless worn under or over an appropriate shirt or blouse). Shirts or blouses that expose the midriff when arms are raised, are not to be worn.
- **TATTOOS:** Tattoos that are offensive, lewd or gang related must be covered while at school or any school sponsored or school related activities. The principal or designee has final ruling on inappropriate tattoos.

BOYS:

All clothing should fit in a manner to avoid comment. Clothing that fits excessively tight or that is extremely oversized may not be worn. All pants and similar clothing, which are designed to be worn around the waist, may not be worn below the waist.

- Slacks, blue jeans, or other types of full length trousers are acceptable wear.
- Holes in jeans or pants that expose skin must be below fingertip length. No pajamas will be allowed.
- Boy's hair should be neat. The hair must be out of the eyes
- No designs or symbols in the hair or eyebrows will be allowed.
- No mohawks will be permitted.
- No hair colors that are extreme (pink, purple, green, blue, unnatural red, etc.) will be allowed.
- No disruptive type of apparel or ornamentation will be allowed.
- No fingernail polish or makeup is allowed on male students.
- No earrings, gages, nose rings, and facial piercings are permitted

GIRLS:

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- **DRESSES, PANT SUITS:**
 - Shorts, skirts, and dresses shall not be shorter than fingertip length and may not provide any revealing features.
 - Plunging necklines and no back dresses or tops are not appropriate.
 - Pant suits, shorts, slacks, and jeans are permissible.
 - No pajamas will be allowed. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.
 - Holes in pants must be below fingertip length.
 - Tights are prohibited; including but not limited to yoga tights, leggings, or jeggings. Items such as these may only be worn if the clothing over the tights are within dress code (at finger length).
- **HAIR:**
 - Hair should be neatly groomed and styled as to not interfere with vision or create a personal safety hazard in science labs, shops, athletics, etc.

- Hair colors or tips that are extreme (pink, purple, green, blue, unnatural red etc.) will not be allowed.
- **JEWELRY**
 - No gages, nose rings, lip rings, or any other facial piercings are permitted
 - Earrings are permitted for girls
- **SHOES**
 - Fuzzy slippers or house shoes are not permitted.

The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge on an extracurricular activity or AEP program, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity or program. 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.