

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

Effective the 2001-2002 school year, the Crandall Independent School District will require all students in all schools to adhere to the following standardized student dress code.

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

Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks

Collared, knit, buttoned polo or dress style buttoned shirts/blouses (long or short sleeved), turtlenecks. Official Campus approved Spirit Shirts. Shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks should all be appropriately sized. They should not be sized too small or large for any individual.

Spirit Shirts: Spirit shirts must be campus approved. Shirts are not to be altered in any way.

- Official Spirit Shirts are shirts that are purchased through the sale of a campus, club or organization within the school district.
- All Official Spirit Shirts must be approved by campus administration.
- Official Spirit Shirts are not to be altered. Examples of altering include but are not limited to, bedazzling, tying up in a knot, cutting, etc.

Color: Polos-any solid single colors with no contrasting trim.

- All polos, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times. (Optional PK-2, Required 3-12)
- Logos on tops will be allowed as long as they are not offensive in nature.
- All polos and blouses must be buttoned from the first button past the collar.
- Polos/blouses with cap sleeves are not allowed.

Slacks, Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Skorts and Belts

Style: Pleated or flat front docker-style slacks or pants; walking-style shorts.

Color: Limited to Khaki, Navy Blue, Black (solid, single colors)

- Slacks and pants must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
- Appropriate belts must be worn at all times (i.e. no spikes, no vulgarity, etc.) (Optional PK-5, Required 6-12)
- Logos or labels must be no larger than 1-inch x 1 inch
- Baggy style legged slacks or pants are not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap (in both front and back).
- No cargo or carpenter style pants.
- Skirts may have a kick-pleat (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee), but not a slit.
- Corduroy bottoms are allowed if all other guidelines are followed.

Jumpers

Jumpers are to be v-neck, square neck, or round neck.

Color: Limited to Khaki, Navy Blue, Black (solid, single colors).

- Jumpers must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
- Polos, blouse, or turtleneck that adheres to standardized dress code must be worn under the jumper at all times.
- Kick pleats are allowed (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee); slits are not allowed.
- Dresses are not considered jumpers.

Shoes, Socks, Hose/Tights

Socks can be any color, must be an identical pair.

Color (hose/tights): White, Navy Blue, Black or Khaki, or Flesh-tone (solid, single colors).

Colors (shoes): Brown or Black leather-like shoes (tie or loafer-type), or brown or black boots (no paramilitary type boots), tennis shoes, or sandals with heel straps.

Outerwear: Sweatshirts, Vests, Sweaters, Light Jackets, and Wind Breakers

- Any solid single color.
- Sweatshirts, vest, sweaters, **light jackets, and windbreakers** must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length; and must be worn over spirit shirt, polos, blouse, or turtleneck that adheres to standardized dress code.
- Logos on outerwear will be allowed as long as they are not offensive in nature.

Other Guidelines

- Leather, suede, vinyl, and denim materials are not allowed except for coats.
- Coats may be worn in accordance with appropriate weather conditions.
- Spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too light.
- Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building are not allowed.
- Overall pants, overall shorts, and overall jumpers are not allowed.
- Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except in PE/Athletics.
- Student must comply with district standards for grooming and accessories as outlined in the student handbook.
- Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed. Clothing that is torn, tattered, or with holes is not permitted.
- Students must not wear sunglasses in the building without written verification from a doctor.
- Dress code problems that arise will be addressed at the discretion of the campus principal.

Grooming

Hair (male/female): Hair style, length, cut, or color that is extreme or distracting may be unacceptable.

Excessive hairstyles not allowed: tails, designs, spikes, mohawks, puffs, color that is not considered natural, etc.

Hair (male): Not to extend below the eyebrows in front.
Not to extend below mid-ear on sides.
Not to extend below the top of the collar in back.
No ponytails (regardless of its placement on the head).
No sideburns below the ear and not wider than the cheek.

No student will be permitted to cut lines or designs in the eyebrows.

No beards or goatees. (Male students may wear mustaches, which are short and neatly trimmed. Mustaches that extend beyond the upper lip will not be accepted.)

Body Piercing – No visible body piercing is allowed that displays jewelry, etc. except for female ear piercing and earrings. Male ear piercing may not display any jewelry or other objects at any time. Tongue rings/studs are not allowed. The policy for body piercing will be enforced at any and all school activities.

Any tattoos must be covered at all times.

Compliance

The principal and assistant principals shall be authorized to appraise any fashion, fad or article of clothing to determine its appropriateness for school wear. If it tends to distract or cause a student to become a disturbing influence or tends to jeopardize the health or safety of students, it will be prohibited.

The administrators and teachers shall be responsible for the enforcement of dress code. The dress code will apply to all students and to all activities, curricular and extracurricular. Any exceptions must be made by the principal to apply only on special occasions.

Any article of clothing, which in the judgement of the principal is distracting or in poor taste for the school, may be prohibited. All rules and regulations are at the discretion of the campus principal.

If a non-exempt student attends school in violation of the standardized dress requirements, consequences will be consistent with Student Code of Conduct Infractions.

Special Dress Days

Administrator(s) shall have authority to waive the wearing of the standardized dress clothing for certain days, parts of days, special events, or special activities as outlined in CISD Board Policy FNCA(LOCAL). Students who choose not to participate in the special days are expected to comply with the standardized dress code.

Special Assistance

In case of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's school by phone, mail, or in person to request assistance when financially unable to purchase the standardized dress clothing. Special note—having a child on the free-reduced lunch program does not automatically qualify for assistance.

Funding

Economically disadvantaged students whose parents cannot afford standardized dress clothing without financial assistance will be aided through the CISD Clothing Closet, private donations or gifts by individuals or businesses, or through contributions from activity funds or parent organizations.

Final Authority Regarding Dress Code

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered above shall be within the discretion of the administration.

Extra-Curricular Dress Code

With respect to any extracurricular activities, the principal, in conjunction with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of such activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of participating students if the Principal, sponsor, or coach reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

1. Creates a hazard to the student's own safety or to the safety of others; or
2. Will prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

Such regulation may include denying the student permission to participate in the extracurricular activity or to go on extracurricular trips.

Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code

The alternative/interim student dress code applies only to new students and to students with Crandall ISD Board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the District have 10 calendar days to comply with the standardized dress code. New students requesting an exemption must comply with the Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code Guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the standardized dress code. This policy does not apply to clothing permitted or required to be worn during participation in school sponsored activities such as physical education.

It is responsibility of all staff to monitor the dress code. It is the primary responsibility of the 1st period teacher to verify that students in his/her classroom are in compliance with district dress and grooming policies.

The principal or designee will be final authority concerning the dress code in the building.

Dress Code for Extra-Curricular Activities

Students attending any school function must be dressed modestly and appropriately. Students inappropriately dressed may be asked to leave school sponsored activities by school district employees. Examples of inappropriate dress include halter tops and bared midriffs for females, earrings for males, etc.

Dress and appearance has a tendency to influence the behavior and attitude of the individual and has a direct influence on the atmosphere in the classroom and the entire school program. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student and parent to see that each student dresses in such a way that his/her

personal appearance on campus is in harmony with or is conducive to providing an environment for learning.

*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.

Electronic Devices and Technology Resources (All Grade Levels)

Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Mobile Telephones

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunications devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The student or parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parents will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.]

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See **Searches** and policy FNF.]

Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.