

## STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

It is recognized in the OGISD that cleanliness, personal appearance, and proper dress habits are important in determining the pattern of school and social conduct and that there is a direct correlation between student appearance, attitude, and behavior. The appearance of students at school is a responsibility which rests primarily with parents. The school becomes involved in that responsibility when the total appearance of the student body, or of individuals within the student body, affect directly the attitude, safety, health, behavior, and learning environment with the school. The administration and staff of all schools are delegated the authority to administer the standards of proper student grooming. The athletic department may utilize and require higher standards for participation. See the OGISD Athletic Handbook for further reference.

Policy Details for Student's Dress will be:

1. Student appearance will be judged by neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness.
2. No mode of dress or physical appearance that would hinder the optimum learning situation for the student body will be allowed.
3. No mode of dress or physical appearance that would be detrimental to school discipline will be allowed.
4. No mode of dress or physical appearance leading to disruptive activities will be allowed (This includes advertisements or displays of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or drug paraphernalia). Any article deemed inappropriate by the administration may not be worn.
5. Special dress and appearance Code of Conducts may be approved for special cases involving field days or special events, special cases involving the use of machinery and tools, and also for participating in any extra-curricular or community activities, such as athletics, speech, etc.
6. Other than the special provisions mentioned above, the following list applies to all students during school and at school activities. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established by the District will be required to correct the infraction and may be placed in In School Suspension (ISS) or receive other consequences deemed appropriate by the administration.

a. all students will wear school shoes that are free of taps, wheels, rollers, or any other similar devices.

**PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE** – Shoes with heels higher than 1" will not be allowed.

b. **PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE** – On P.E. days, students should come to school dressed appropriately for P.E. including shoes and clothing.

c. **HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH/INTERMEDIATE** - All students must tuck in their shirts and blouses. If skirts are worn, shirts must be tucked.

d. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or that advertise or depict items such as, but not limited to, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, skulls, blood, gang affiliation (bandanas). The District also 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.

e. Skirts, dresses, shorts, and sports apparel must follow the fingertip length rule.

**PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE** – the length of skirts, dresses, shorts, and sports apparel must reach the student's fingertips when standing.

f. Tight or form fitting pants and/or undergarments such as tights, leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants may not be worn as pants. Primary and elementary students are excluded.

**PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE** – the length of a top or dress must reach the student's fingertips when standing

**HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH** - Warm-up and wind-pants/wind-shorts are not allowed.

- g. Low cut shirts or blouses or clothes which expose bare midriffs or bare backs are not allowed for school wear. Sleeveless shirts, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, or halter tops are not allowed for school wear.
- h. Undershirts or any type of undergarment may not be worn as outside wearing apparel. Buttoned shirts must be buttoned at all times.
- i. Hats, caps, and head accessories are not to be worn in school buildings
- j. Suspenders are to be worn as designed.
- k. **HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH** - Only pants such as jeans and khakis are acceptable. All pants' pockets must be clearly visible. No bagging, dragging, or sagging pants or shorts will be allowed. Oversized or undersized clothing are not acceptable. Belts are required for all pants with belt loops.  
**PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE** - Pants or shorts are to be worn at the waistline with no undergarments exposed. No bagging, sagging, or dragging pants or shorts will be allowed.
- l. No undersized clothing will be allowed.
- m. No coveralls will be allowed.
- n. No thin (see-through) and/or clinging materials will be allowed.
- o. No chains (such as dog chains or billfold chains) will be allowed.
- p. No frayed or cut off attire will be allowed.
- q. No attire with holes will be allowed.
- r. All student's hair shall be kept clean, neat, and well groomed. No distracting haircuts or hairstyles (such as spiked hair, Mohawks, Fauxhawks or any styles resembling a Mohawk or under cuts). For boys, hair should not extend below a standard dress shirt collar, middle of the ear, and must not extend below the eyebrow. Boys are not permitted to wear ponytails. Numbers, names, initials, and hair accessories are not allowed. Hair coloring or dyeing of hues that do not occur in any natural color hair is prohibited. Two-tone hair styles are not acceptable. Example: Top blonde and bottom dark. However, natural looking highlights are acceptable.
- s. Student's faces are to be free of facial hair.
- t. Vertical sideburns may not fall below the bottom of the ear lobe and horizontal sideburns may not advance more than 1 ½" in width.
- u. **PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR HIGH** - make-up will not be allowed for students in sixth grade or below.
- v. No sunglasses will be allowed.
- w. No black nail polish or lipstick.  
**PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE** – Artificial and acrylic nails will not be allowed.
- x. No distractive contact lenses will be allowed.
- y. Students shall not wear jewelry of the type or in the manner that is distracting to any part of the educational setting (Ex.: large earrings, bling bling necklaces, blings on teeth, teeth grill, etc.). No jewelry, which is distracting (Ex.: no earrings for boys – piercing jewelry will be limited to the earlobes of female students, no plugs and/or gauges).
- z. **HIGH SCHOOL** - tattoos deemed inappropriate must be covered at the High School.  
**PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR HIGH** - All tattoos must be covered. Washable or temporary tattoos are not allowed at school and will be removed if worn to school.

All students are to dress appropriately and modestly for attendance at school and school functions. To avoid being sent home all students should adhere to the student dress Code of Conduct. The final authority as to dress or grooming considered indecent, disruptive, a hindrance to learning or discipline shall be vested in the principal.