

CISD Dress and Grooming, Grades 3-12

Introduction/Purpose

The CISD dress code is established and intended to: 1) teach students grooming and hygiene; 2) create and maintain a respectful and positive learning environment; 3) prevent the disruption, interference with, or detraction from the educational environment and school activities; 4) minimize health and safety hazards; and 5) provide a safe environment for student learning.

Students and parents share responsibility for complying with the District's dress code and should be aware of dress code provisions.

General Guidelines

Startling, unusual, or immodest attire of any sort is not permitted. This includes fads in hairstyles, and clothing or anything designed to attract attention to the individual or to disrupt the orderly conduct of the campus. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with this dress code.

Note: This dress code provides guidance regarding common situations but cannot cover every style of dress and specific situations that may arise. The District reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonable expected to pose a health or safety hazard or to cause substantial disruption of, distraction from, or interference with general school operations. In addition, extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for students participating in those programs.

Regarding pants, shorts, skirts, etc.:

- Must fit properly; no sagging or extremely baggy/sloppy pants. Torn or ripped pants are prohibited.
- Bicycle shorts, spandex garments, tights, jeggings, etc. are to be worn ONLY under clothing that already conforms to the dress code.
- Extremely tight pants (skinny jeans and knit pants) are not acceptable.
- When shorts are worn appropriately at the student's waist, their length must extend one inch below the student's fingertips when arms are down and hanging naturally at the side of the student's body. Athletic shorts are not permitted.
- Skirt/dress length must extend 4 inches below the student's fingertips when standing naturally. Modesty and appropriate coverage are our concerns with regard to skirt and dress length.

Regarding shirts, tops, dresses, etc.:

- Must fit properly (not too baggy, not too tight)
- Shirt tails may be worn outside and cannot exceed beyond the student's fingertips. Students will be asked to tuck in shirt if shirt length is below fingertips.
- Shirts or dresses that expose the midriff or back or "racer cut," have string straps, are strapless, are see through or low cut may not be worn.
- Shirts such as tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless jerseys, tall t-shirts, or shirts with ragged/torn hems are not allowed.

Regarding clothing, accessories, and jewelry, the following are prohibited:

- Sweat pants and athletic shorts
- Pajamas
- Mouth grills or other decorations
- Caps, hats, bandanas, head coverings and/or sunglasses (unless permitted by the principal).
- Trench coats or dusters
- Any clothing that is lewd, vulgar, morbid, slanderous, incitant, offensive, contains sexual innuendoes, or that depicts violence or illegal activity.
- Depicts alcohol, tobacco, drugs, alcoholic beverages, other illegal/controlled substances, paraphernalia, or other outlawed items
- Depicts gang activities, organized crime, or satanic themes.
- Open toed shoes, slides or sandals or flip flops are prohibited. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Appropriate undergarments must be worn, but should not be visible at any time. See-through attire is unacceptable.

Regarding grooming and personal hygiene:

- Students shall follow appropriate personal hygiene practices relative to body and clothing cleanliness. Students who are visibly dirty or have body odor will be counseled and given a chance to rectify the situation at school. Parents will be notified when possible.
- Hair should be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Students may not have unusual patterns; letters or numbers shaved or cut in the hair. Eyebrows should not be cut, notched, or shaved with any designs.

- Unusual and/or distracting hair designs are not allowed (ie. Mohawks, rattails, dreadlocks, or spikes)
- Hair or streaks in the hair must be a naturally occurring hair color.
- Tattoos and body art, fake or real, are not allowed.
- Hair shall not be combed or brushed in such a manner that one or both eyes are covered.
- Gauge-type earrings or earrings large enough to be a safety issue in classrooms are prohibited.
- Only ear piercings are allowed.

Enforcement

Teachers and administrators have the authority to enforce the dress code.

Violations

If an administrator 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 the student refuses to make the appropriate corrections, the student's parent/guardian will be contact for assistance in making the necessary corrections. If both the student and parent/guardian refuse, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to correct a dress code violation. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Students who refuse to follow the dress code repeatedly will lose the privilege of calling home to ask parents to deliver appropriate clothes to school. These students will be sent directly to ISS. In all cases, appropriate disciplinary action will be administered in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct.