

Dress and Grooming (High School and Middle School)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Clothing

- 1) Pants or shorts will be appropriately sized and worn at a natural waistline (no sagging or bagging). **Legging/tights**, cotton sweat pants, biker or spandex shorts, breakaway pants, wind shorts, joggers, wind pants, short shorts, athletic shorts (with or without pockets), and cutoffs **will not** be allowed. Pants with holes exposing skin above the knee (this includes garments worn under pants) will not be allowed. Hems of shorts, skorts, culottes, skirts, and dresses will be no shorter than 2 ½ inches (the width of a dollar bill) when measured from the top of the kneecap. Slits in dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts, culottes and pants are considered part of the hemline and must not exceed the 2-½ inches above the kneecap. (Slits are any vertical openings extending upward from the hemline front, back, sides or any other hemline placement.) Shorts are to be worn at the hem and not rolled up.
- 2) Student shirts may be un-tucked if: when standing and arms extended to their side, the shirt does not extend past the top of the palm of the student's hand or when their arms are raised the shirt does not rise above the jeans showing the stomach. Female blouses designed to be worn at or just below the beltline may be left out if no midriff is exposed.
- 3) Males: Shirts will be appropriately sized, buttoned and with sleeves.
- 4) Females: Shirts will be appropriately sized and buttoned. Straps on tops must be at least 1 1/2 inches wide. Halters, strapless garments, tank tops, mesh see-through tops and clothes that expose the midriff or back will not be allowed. No cleavage should be visible. Undergarments cannot be visible.
- 5) Coats, jackets, and protective weather garments shall be worn as appropriate to the environment. **Jacket hoods** will not be worn inside. Dusters or trench coats and are not allowed.
- 6) Clothing containing obscene slogans, gang-related identifying emblems or symbols, advertisements for tobacco, alcoholic beverages, gruesome blood, drug paraphernalia, weapons, or sexual innuendoes are not allowed. Should PPE masks be required, the same standards apply.
- 7) Students must wear appropriate footwear.

Headwear

- 1) Caps or hats **or beanies** will not be allowed.
- 2) Bandannas or headbands will not be allowed.
- 3) Sunglasses or sunshades are not to be worn in the building.

Hair:

- 1) Hair must be neatly groomed. No extreme hairstyles such as mohawks, carvings, spikes, tails, pony tails (boys), shaved or partially shaved heads will be allowed. No extreme variations of hair length and/or abnormal (pink, green, blue, purple, orange, silver, etc.) hair color will be permitted. No artificial extensions including feathers, tinsel, colored strands. Boys hair may be worn no lower than to the bottom of the ear lobe or the bottom of the collar of a dress shirt and may not cover the eyebrow or be in the eyes at any time during the school day.
- 2) Boys must be clean-shaven...no mustaches, beards, or goatees will be allowed.
- 3) Sideburns will not extend past the bottom of the earlobe.
- 4) Eyebrows will not be carved or notched.

Accessories:

- 1) Boys will not be allowed to wear earrings or gauges.
- 2) Girls may wear a maximum of three earrings in each ear. Spikes and gauges are not allowed.
- 3) Body piercing jewelry and/or accessories will not be allowed (including but not limited to spikes, nose, lips eyebrows, etc.).
- 4) Heavy chains or accessories with spikes will not be allowed.
- 5) Any accessory that may cause injury will not be allowed.
- 6) No theatrical contact lenses may be worn.

Make-up:

- 1) Extreme make-up will not be allowed.
- 2) Boys may not wear make-up or **nail polish**.
- 3) Tattoos and brands must be covered at all times.

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Backpack Policy:

Students in Grades 7 through 12 will be required to use a clear backpack. Athletic gym bags, band cases, cheer bags will be stored in lockers and will not be allowed as students travel class to class. Purses must be no bigger than 6" x 9" x 5". All bags will be subject to search. For further information on the Clear Backpack Policy, please see FAQ on our district website. www.gwisd.us.



Repeated or sever offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.