

2020-2021 Student Dress Code

In order to maintain an orderly environment conducive to the attainment of the educational mission and purpose of the district, all students shall be required to meet the expectations of the dress and grooming code. Dress and apparel that unduly attract the attention of other students often precipitate comments and/or other reactions that are disruptive. Safety, general health, hygiene and modesty are factors that are considered in the establishment of this dress and grooming code. Students, teachers, parents and administrators must work together to assume responsibility for complying and enforcing the dress code adopted by the MISD. It is important to read all of the pages of this Student Dress Code.

Clothing

1. Apparel will not display lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or contain sexually suggestive pictures, emblems, slogans, slurs (examples: swastikas, confederate/rebel flag, etc.) or writings on clothing.
2. Advertisements or symbols that can be interpreted as promoting, depicting, or insinuating the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, demonism, violence or of a sexual nature are prohibited.
3. Torn clothing and clothing with holes above finger-tip length which expose skin or undergarments are prohibited.
4. Trench coats and dusters are prohibited.
5. Sheer, lace, see-through or excessively tight fitting garments are prohibited.
6. Appropriate undergarments shall be worn. Undergarments shall not be visible in any manner.
7. Shirts and blouses must be hemmed to fit around the arm. Tank tops, muscle shirts, and spaghetti straps are prohibited.
8. Off-the-shoulder shirts, blouses, or sweaters are prohibited.
9. Shirts, blouses, and sweaters that show the torso when arms are raised above the head, are prohibited at all times.
10. All pants, skirts, and shorts shall be sized appropriately and worn at the waist with no sagging.
11. Pajama-style pants or other sleepwear are prohibited.
12. All shorts must extend to the fingertips*.
13. Articles of clothing must be worn as it is designed to be worn (i.e. not backwards or inside out).
14. Form fitting pants are only permitted with tops that extend to the end of the fingertips. Form fitting pants includes, but are not limited to, jeggings, opaque leggings, and yoga pants. The same standard applied to slits or slashes in dresses or skirts.
15. Dresses/skirts must extend to the end of the fingertips*.

Gang-Related clothing, shoes, boots, jewelry, bandanas, tattoos, or grooming styles that identify a student as a member of a gang or other unauthorized group are prohibited. Dress or grooming that presents a disruption, health, or safety hazard to the students or others is expressly prohibited.

Hair and Headwear

1. Hairstyles that impede the ability of other students to learn are prohibited.
2. Head coverings that prevent the identification of a student are prohibited.
3. Hats, caps, sunglasses, or any item that inhibits the ability to identify students and are not for medical or religious reasons may not be worn inside the school building.
4. Garments with hoods may not be worn with the hood over the head inside the building during the school day.

Accessories

1. Chains attached to pants or wallets are prohibited. Any apparel or items that may pose a safety issue are prohibited.
2. An item of apparel or makeup that is considered a distraction or disruption is prohibited.
3. Tattoos which are visible that are distracting, lewd, vulgar, depict profanity, prohibited items (i.e. alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products), or contain slurs are prohibited.

Shoes and Sandals

1. For health and safety reasons, footwear must be worn at all times.
2. Shoes with metal cleats, taps, or wheels on the heels or soles, or shoes that can damage or mark floors are prohibited.
3. Tennis/athletic shoes must be worn for physical education classes.
4. No house-shoes or slippers.

Compliance with Dress Code

The building principal or his/her designated representative has the authority to enforce the dress code. If the principal, or designated representative, determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student may be given disciplinary consequences. The student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary actions in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonably expected to pose a health or safety hazard or to cause substantial disruption of, distraction from, or interfere with general school operations. In addition, extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for students participating in those programs.

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*Fingertip measurement is when shoulders are relaxed, arms at the side, and fingers extended.