



Student Dress Code: 2023-2024

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 this dress and grooming code. Safety & security, modesty and MISD Student Code of Conduct policies 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 with and enforcing the dress code adopted by the Midlothian ISD.

Safety & Security Guidelines

1. Students are required to wear the current year student ID around their neck while on campus, except when participating in physical activities.
2. Hats, caps, beanies, sunglasses, or other head coverings that are not worn for medical or religious reasons, may not be worn inside the school building because these items could make it difficult for staff and security personnel to identify individuals.
3. Garments with hoods may not be worn with the hood over the head inside the building during the school day because these items could make it difficult for staff and security personnel to identify individuals.
4. For health and safety reasons, footwear must be worn at all times. Any shoes that are not considered safe (i.e. cleats, shoes with wheels, slippers, etc) are prohibited.
5. 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.
6. Any clothing item or accessory that is deemed by an administrator to potentially cause a safety concern is prohibited.

Modesty Guidelines

1. Shirts and blouses must be hemmed to fit around the arm. Tank tops, ribbed tank tops, muscle shirts, and spaghetti straps are prohibited.
2. Off-the-shoulder shirts, blouses, or sweaters are prohibited.
3. Shirts, blouses, and sweaters that show the skin of the torso when arms are raised above the head are prohibited.
4. Sheer, lace, see-through or excessively tight fitting garments are prohibited.
5. Torn clothing and clothing with holes above finger-tip length* which expose skin or undergarments are prohibited.
6. All pants, skirts, and shorts shall be sized appropriately and worn at the waist with no sagging.
7. Dresses and skirts must extend to the end of the fingertips.* The same standard applies to slits in dresses and skirts.

8. If tights, leggings, or other form fitting pants are worn, the buttocks and the pelvic area must be covered at all times by a dress, skirt, shirt or shorts.
9. Shorts must extend to the end of the fingertips.* Spandex and biker shorts are prohibited unless the length exceeds the end of the fingertips* and the length of the shirt worn.
10. Modesty concerns due to a lack of appropriate undergarments will be addressed. Undergarments shall not be visible in any manner.
11. Inappropriate sleepwear is prohibited.

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

Student Code of Conduct Guidelines

1. Advertisements or symbols that can be interpreted as promoting, depicting, or insinuating the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, violence, or of a sexual nature are prohibited.
2. Apparel or accessories 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.
3. An item of apparel or makeup that is considered a distraction or disruption is prohibited.
4. Tattoos which are visible that are distractive, lewd, vulgar, depict profanity, prohibited items (i.e. alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, etc), or contain slurs are prohibited.
5. Tennis/athletic shoes must be worn for physical education classes.

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, apparel, 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. Students, teachers, parents and administrators must work together to assume responsibility for complying and enforcing the dress code adopted by the Midlothian ISD.