

Appendix: Kilgore ISD's Elementary Dress Code 2022-2023

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Student dress reflects the quality of the school and affects students' conduct. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration, or hair style extreme enough to create a distraction or disturb the normal routine of school shall be deemed inappropriate. The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the campus administration's judgement, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

Examples of inappropriate and unapproved choices of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, and hair styles include:

General:

1. All forms of headgear (hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, etc.)
2. Dark glasses (except by written order of a physician)
3. Tattoos are impermissible
4. Any gang-related items
5. Pierced jewelry may be worn only in the ear. Plugs must be worn in gauged holes.
6. Hair MUST BE neat, clean, and well groomed, and of NATURAL color (brown, red, black, blonde). It should NOT cover the eyes; styled in any manner which attracts undue attention, or spiked more than 2 inches.
7. Dog collars with spikes or studs, spiked bracelets, or exposed chains (other than small necklaces)
8. Obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol, or narcotics on clothing, jewelry, or exposed body parts. Radically related symbols, emblems, pictures, words or slogans.
9. Elementary Girls – Nail polish is acceptable, but no artificial nails and no other cosmetics (including false eyelashes) are allowed.

Shirts/Blouses/Tops:

1. Tank tops or clothing with low-cut necklines
2. Suggestive, see-through or revealing clothing (including showing bare midriffs); midriff is NOT exposed when the student's arms are raised above his/her head.
3. Pajama tops

Shorts/Pants/Bottoms:

1. Excessively loose clothing resulting in "sagging"
2. All dresses, skirts, split garments and shorts are to be 3" above the knee, from the floor when kneeling.
3. Pajama bottoms
4. Torn clothing, showing skin above the knee.
5. Cutoffs, boxer shorts, or short shorts
6. Excessively tight pants (i.e. spandex); tight dresses; tight shorts (biking shorts may be worn only beneath permissible shorts/skirts)
7. Leggings/yoga/form-fitting pants (unless top or dress is no shorter than 3" above the knee).

Shoes:

1. Appropriate shoes/boots are to be worn at all times. NO house slippers.

Face Coverings:

Due to current health concerns, face coverings are optional for students in grades PreK – 5.

Permissible Face Coverings:

1. Cloth Face Covering
 - a. Student face covering should cover the nose and mouth and extend under the chin according to the CDC.
 - b. Student face coverings should **NOT** be decorated in any gang-related symbols/emblems, obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol or narcotics, or radically related symbols, emblems, pictures, words or slogans.
2. Gaiter face coverings, defined as a one-piece cloth covering that extends from the neck to the nose are permitted provided they meet all other face covering guidelines.
3. Face Shields will be permitted provided they meet the following guidelines:
 - a. A face shield should be of clear plastic or similar clear material.
 - b. A face shield should wrap around side of face and extend below the chin in accordance with CDC safety protocols.

Impermissible Face Coverings:

- Face coverings should **NOT** be made out of lace, mesh, crochet, or material with perforated holes.
- Bandanas and scarves are **NOT** allowed to be used as a face covering.
- Head and/or face coverings such as helmets, welder's masks, toy masks, etc. are not permissible.

*A parent/guardian may also refer to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for further information regarding the current health concerns at www.cdc.gov.

*Some clothing may be considered permissible ONLY on special "Dress-Up" days. You will receive letters from teachers on these occasions.

**Any other dress deemed inappropriate by campus administration will not be allowed. The dress code will be amended, if needed, as fashions change.

*****Final decisions on the appropriate school dress rest with the Campus Administration. A student shall be given an opportunity to correct the dress code problem at school. If not corrected, he/she shall be subject to appropriate discipline.**