

Kilgore ISD Secondary School Dress Code 2023-2024

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 judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

Unapproved choices of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, and hair styles include:

General:

1. All forms of headgear (hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, etc) covering any portion of the head at any time while on campus.
2. Dark glasses (except by written order of a physician)
3. Tattoos deemed obscene or offensive by administration must be covered (**See #8**)
4. Any gang-related items
5. Exposed body piercings other than earrings or nose studs .Plugs must be worn in gauged holes.
6. Hair **MUST BE** neat, clean, and well-groomed. Hair shall 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, inappropriate, or offensive 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.

Shirts/Blouses/Tops:

1. Clothing that exposes bare midriiffs. Midriiffs must be fully covered when arms are extended above the student's head.
2. Tank tops or clothing that has low necklines or low underarms.
3. See-through, provocative, or excessively tight clothing.
4. Pajama tops
5. Dusters, long coats, or blankets
6. Visible Undergarments

Shorts/Pants/Bottoms:

1. Dresses, skirts, split garments, and shorts that are shorter than 5" above the knee.
2. Clothing resulting in "sagging"
3. Pajama bottoms
4. Torn clothing, showing skin 5" above the knee
5. Leggings/yoga/form-fitting pants (unless top or dress is no shorter than 5" above the knee)
6. Visible Undergarments

Shoes:

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

Face Coverings:

Due to current health concerns, face coverings will be optional for all students in grades 6-12.

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 the side of the 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 notification from the campus on these occasions.

** Any other dress deemed inappropriate by campus administration will not be allowed. The dress code may be amended if needed as fashion changes.

*****Final decisions on the appropriate school dress 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.**