

## **ECISD Student Dress Code 2023-2024 / Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

### **Found on Pages 51-52 of the ECISD Student Handbook 2023-2024**

**Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels):** 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: The district prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writing on clothing, accessories (i.e. jewelry, rings or belt buckles) and in hair design, including, but not limited to, shaved or cut eyebrows and shaved images in hair that:

- Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene;
- Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other illegal substance;
- Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities; and/or Represent death and dismemberment and/or violence.
- Clothing (dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts) must be no shorter than five inches from the top of the kneecap.
- Form fitting, too tight clothing will not be allowed.
- Students will not be permitted to wear see-through clothing or have bare midriffs, bare shoulders, or backless fashions.
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, or clothing with spaghetti straps or strapless garments are prohibited. May be worn only with a full t-shirt (with sleeves) underneath.
- Undergarments may not be worn as outerwear.
- Pants, shorts, and slacks must be worn at the natural waist (no more than one size larger than natural waist size).
- Student must wear shoes at all times. Taps, metal plates, or cleats on shoes will not be permitted. Specifically prohibited footwear are bathroom slippers, footwear not intended for outdoor wear, and shoes equipped with roller blades/wheels. Flip flops are acceptable.
- Extremely torn clothing will not be permitted. Holes or shredding in jeans or similar garment shall not reveal undergarments at any time.
- Students will be required to wear their hair well-groomed and clean at all times. Extreme modes of hair design and color will not be permitted; mohawks are permitted as long as they are under 2 inches in height.
- Sponsors of extracurricular activities may set individual dress and appearance standards with the approval of the principal.
- The wearing of cheerleading uniforms during the school day is at the principal's discretion.
- Students may not wear hats, caps, sweat bands, visors, head coverings or bandanas in the building (neither males nor females). Bandanas are not allowed on campus.
- Sunshades may not be worn in the building or classroom, unless prescribed by a physician for indoor use.
- Clothing items which present a concern for safety may not be worn (i.e. chains, dog collars).
- Any disruptive, unsafe, or distractive mode of clothing, eyewear, tattoos, or appearance that adversely impacts the education process is not acceptable.
- Belts must be worn appropriately in belt loops and at the natural waist.

#### **At Secondary Campuses (Middle and High School):**

- All ECISD middle and high schools will allow only clear or mesh backpacks in the school.
- If a student uses a non-clear or mesh backpack without authorization during the school day, the backpack will be confiscated. The parent may pick up the confiscated backpack from the principal's office.

#### **At High School Campuses:**

- Leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants must be opaque and accompanied by appropriate top coverings to the mid-thigh.
- Piercings are permitted (lights and chains are prohibited).

Students who violate the dress code will be referred to the principal's office. The final decision regarding a dress code violation is at the discretion of the campus principal. 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. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.