



## **Sanger ISD Secondary Dress and Grooming**

The secondary dress and grooming policy applies to all schools in Sanger ISD grades 6-12.

The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians. Any clothing, personal appearance, or personal standard that, in the judgment of administrators, disrupts the educational environment shall not be permitted.

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

### **APPROPRIATE ATTIRE**

Students are expected to come to school in clothes that are clean, neatly kept, and modest in nature.

Jeans may be worn with holes; however, any holes located above the top of the knee must have a solid fabric material that does not allow any skin to be exposed. Tape, paper, and fabric that is see-through in nature will not be acceptable coverings.

Pants must be worn with the waist at waist level, and shirts, blouses, and pants must be buttoned.

All students must wear shoes and appropriate undergarments.

Sweatshirts/jackets with hoods may be worn; however, the hoods may not be worn on the head in the school building.

Leggings, flair leggings, tights, jeggings, and yoga pants must be worn with a shirt, blouse or tunic that covers the backside and front.

### **INAPPROPRIATE OR UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE**

The following clothing and accessories are inappropriate attire for any student at school or school-related or sanctioned activity:

Shorts, including skirts, or dresses shorter than the length of the longest fingertip when standing upright with arms at the side and hand open.

Spandex shorts are prohibited.

Pants worn below the natural waistline or sagging, bagging, or extremely loose pants.

Shirts, blouses, and dresses that reveal undergarments or cleavage, exposed skin when sitting, bending, or reaching.

Exposed undergarments, including bra straps and boxer/briefs.

Bedtime attire, pajamas with or without pockets, undershirts, or undergarments worn as outerwear, e.g., boxer shorts.

Clothing made of any see-through material, fishnet, or very loosely woven fabric, unless other acceptable clothing is worn underneath.

Sleeveless shirts are not acceptable, .e.g., tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, and strapless.

Slippers or house shoes.

Hair grooming products such as combs, picks, or rollers worn in the hair are not acceptable.

### **APPROPRIATE GROOMING**

All students will exemplify grooming standards that project a positive image for the student, school, and District.

Students are expected to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other staff /students.

Student's hair must be clean and neatly groomed.

Bangs or hair must not obstruct a student's vision at any time.

Hairbands may be worn to ensure proper vision at all times.

### **INAPPROPRIATE GROOMING**

The following hairstyles or colorings are inappropriate grooming for any student at school or a school-related or sanctioned activity:

Liberty spikes or other sculptured hairstyles.

Hair color must be a natural color.

Distracting styles will not be allowed.

## **CLOTHING WITH WORDS OR PICTURES**

Clothing worn at school or school-related or sanctioned activities may not display printed statements or pictures:

1. That are vulgar or obscene;
2. That are related to or depict sexual activity;
3. Clothing with words or pictures that promote hate or violence in general or are directed at any specific person or group of persons or
4. That are related to or depict the use of drugs, alcohol, guns, ammunition, or tobacco.

## **JEWELRY, TATTOOS, BODY PIERCING**

Students may not wear any jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or distracting or that are likely to cause a disruption to the educational environment.

Students may not wear tongue piercings, facial jewelry (nose, lip, brow), or facial decorations (including but not limited to “pimple stickers,” face paint, glitter, and excessive makeup).

Spacers, spikes, gauges, cartilage bars, and mouth jewelry are not allowed.

Students may wear earrings that are appropriate and not distracting (pins, spikes, cartilage bars, mouth jewelry, and gauges are not acceptable).

Tattoos, including temporary tattoos and skin drawings, must be covered at all times while students are under the school’s jurisdiction.

## **GANG ATTIRE AND GROOMING**

Clothing, grooming, or any attire that identifies or connects a student with a gang is prohibited.

The principal will stay updated on clothing items that are deemed to be gang-related.

## **OTHER GUIDELINES**

Hats, caps, or other head coverings are not permitted in the school building.

Sunglasses may not be worn in the building unless approved with a physician's note.

Excessive makeup or jewelry is not acceptable.

Student contact lenses must be a natural color or shade.

Blankets are NOT allowed to be brought to school.

## **PRINCIPAL'S AUTHORITY**

The district reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to pose health or safety hazards or that may cause the disruption of, a distraction from, or interference with general school operations. The district also reserves the right to alter the dress code for special occasions as deemed necessary by the campus administrator.

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violate our dress and grooming standards, she or he may be given appropriate modest clothing or placed in in-school suspension until she or he complies. We will make an effort to notify you as soon as possible. If the student changes clothes or otherwise complies with the dress and grooming standards, she or he will return to regular classes immediately. Students who repeatedly violate the dress code will be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

## **SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

This dress code is not to be construed so as to apply to those pupils in certain elective subjects such as band and organized sports or to students in voluntary student organizations, which are called upon from time to time to represent their school in public events. Teachers, sponsors and coaches of these subjects and organizations will continue to require those standards of dress and appearance that they deem appropriate and which have served in the past to mark those school representatives with honor and distinction.