

## **Gainesville Independent School District Student Dress Code**

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the outlined dress code expectations set forth by the GISD administration.

The purpose of the recommended dress code policy is to foster pride within the GISD student body, staff and community that will result in the provision of an educational environment that encourages students to be about "the business of school", to build student self-esteem, bridge socioeconomic differences between students and encourage positive behavior, thereby promoting school safety and improving the academic learning environment.

Students shall come to school looking clean, neat and ready to learn. The dress and grooming of students conveys an image of the schools and students, influencing how others respond to and judge the Gainesville ISD and its students, as well as contributing to the school climate to which students respond. The District prohibits pictures, emblems or writings on materials or clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, and immodest or promote or refer to alcoholic beverages, drugs, promote acts of violence, guns, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, Gang activity or any other offensive items prohibited under GISD Board Policy FNCF (LOCAL).

It is impossible to list every possibility of dress and grooming. Campus administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the district dress code policy. **Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically addressed in the policy shall be within the discretion of the administration.** 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 self-correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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## Student ID Cards

- All junior high/high school students shall wear their Gainesville ISD-issued student identification badges or temporary badges at all times while on a school campus.
- Badges must be visible to GISD employees at all times. Badges cannot be worn underneath clothing and cannot be carried in a student's pocket, backpack, bag, purse, etc. IDs should not be altered or defaced in any manner.
- Replacement IDs will be available for purchase in the Principal's Office/Library for \$5.

## Tops

- Students are **prohibited** from wearing: **Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff even when arms are raised over the student's head.**
- Hoodies are allowed; hoods **may not be worn on the head** within the school building.
- Shirts/Blouses that are oversized or immodestly undersized.
- Any shirt/blouse that depicts or references alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images and/or insults to race, religion, gender or ethnicity.
- Shirts must have sleeves that cover the shoulder. Tank tops, tube tops, halters, backless tops, spaghetti straps, spandex/tops, off the shoulder or low-cut shirts/blouses are not allowed.
- All shirts must be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top collar.
- Coats must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length.
- Trench coats are not allowed.

## Bottoms

- *Head Start, Edison, Chalmers*
  - Athletic shorts are allowed.
  - Biker/tight fitting shorts are not allowed.
- *Intermediate, Junior High, High School*
  - **Athletic shorts are NOT allowed** except as directed by instructor during PE/athletics, band, or cheer practice.
  - Shorts must reach mid-thigh or longer and may not have rips, holes, or frays
  - Skorts, skirts, and dresses must reach mid-thigh or longer. The same applies if there is a slit in the front, back, or side of the garment.
  - **Tights, athletic leggings, and yoga pants are not allowed.**
- *All grade levels*
  - **Jeans and pants may not have holes, distress, or frays.**
  - Appropriately sized athletic pants (wind pants, sweatpants, joggers) are allowed.
  - Leggings may be worn under a skirt, dress, tunic, or long shirt that is mid-thigh or longer and complies with dress code.
  - All bottoms must be appropriately hemmed.
  - All bottoms must be worn at the natural waistline. No degree of sagging will be allowed.

## Accessories/Jewelry

- **Facial piercing is restricted to the ear and a small diameter stud in the nose.** Students may not use Band-Aids to cover piercings. Tongue or other facial jewelry is prohibited.

- Noisy or distracting jewelry or accessories may not be worn. This includes grills.
- No gauging of the ear or any part of the body.
- No spiked jewelry or any piercing that protrudes from the ear or may be considered dangerous.
- Blankets/throws are prohibited from being brought to school at any time.
- Hats, sunglasses, and bandanas are not allowed in the building.
- If a belt is worn it must not have metal studs, brads or any other adornments.

### **Shoes**

- House shoes, flip flops, athletic slides or similar shoes are not permitted.
- Crocs may be worn when using the back strap.

### **Hair**

- **Unnatural hair colors such as pink, green, blue, bright red, etc. will not be allowed.**
- Shavings of designs in a student's hair or eyebrows is prohibited.
- A student's hair must be neat, clean, and must not be distracting or interfere with the learning environment.
- Extreme hairstyles that may cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations are not acceptable.
- A male student may have neatly groomed facial hair.

### **Tattoos**

- Visible tattoos must not depict any type of violence, drugs, alcohol, or vulgarity.

### **Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)**

**Students attending the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP) will have a required dress code that must be followed without fail.** Students will be required to adhere to the following:

- Bottoms – Students will wear Navy, Black or Khaki slacks. No denim will be allowed.
- Tops – ANY SOLID colored collar shirt. No tee-shirts will be allowed.
- NO HOODIES will be allowed in the building.