



# Sherman High

## Student Information Guide

2024-2025

LIVE THE **Life.** LOVE THE **Legacy.**

SHERMAN BEARCATS FOREVER.



# **Sherman High Fight Song**

**Hail, all hail, to Sherman High  
Fight, fight, fight, fight, fight  
Loyal to the Maroon and White,  
‘Til the day we die,  
Through the years we’ll sing your praise  
Ever to be true  
Win or lose we’ll always stand beside you  
Dear old Sherman High**



# **Sherman High Alma Mater**

**Hail to the Bearcats,  
Hats off to you  
Ever you’ll find us  
Loyal and true.  
Firm and undaunted,  
Always we’ll be  
Hail to the school we love,  
Here’s a toast to thee.**

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# Welcome to Sherman High

## *Greetings from the Principal*

Welcome to Sherman High School! The teachers, staff, and administration have been excitedly preparing to make this an incredible year for you! There are a ton of incredible classes, organizations, extra-curricular activities, and clubs that you can join and be a part of. The year will be tremendously more fulfilling the more involved you are in the activities and groups at Sherman High School. We hope this year is full of wonderful memories and exciting experiences that fill your day with joy and hope for the future. I look forward to seeing you and growing as Bearcats together.

*Mike Mitchusson, Principal*

## **Assurance of Nondiscrimination**


The Sherman Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, gender, national origin, religion or disability in educational programs, admissions/enrollment decisions or activities which it operates, as required by Title VI, Title IX, Title II and Section 504. Any person having inquiries concerning the Sherman Independent School District's compliance with these regulations is directed to contact: Amy Pesina, Chief Academic Officer.

## **Release of Directory Information**

The Sherman Independent School District, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) restricts access to protected student records as required by law. Directory information on students will be released upon request without a parent's consent, unless the parent elects in writing to restrict directory information within the first 10 days of school. The form on which parents can indicate their election is given during registration each year.

# Sherman High School Bell Schedule

Sherman High School operates on a modified block schedule. The schedule is coordinated for a blend of daily and block periods.

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<b>BELL SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>A Days (Maroon)</b>	<b>B Days (White)</b>
<b>0 Period</b> 7:20-8:15	
<b>1st Period</b> 8:20-9:10	
<b>2nd Period</b> 9:15-10:45	<b>5th Period</b> 9:15-10:45
<b>****Bearcat Time****</b> 10:50-11:15	
<b>3rd Period</b> 11:20-1:25	<b>6th Period</b> 11:20-1:25
A Lunch: 11:20-11:50 Class: 11:50-1:25	A Lunch: 11:20-11:50 Class: 11:50-1:25
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<b>4th Period</b> 1:30-3:00	<b>7th Period</b> 1:30-3:00
<b>8th Period</b> 3:05-3:55	

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance and punctuality are required of every student. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more and are much more employable after leaving high school. The Sherman Independent School District expects all students to attend school regularly and be on time for classes in order to benefit from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility.

Sherman High School will follow the student handbook on all policies, laws, and expectations.

Policy: [See FEA \(LEGAL\)](#) and [FED \(LEGAL\)](#)

## **A STUDENT WHO LOSES CREDIT FOR ANY CLASS MUST CONTINUE TO ATTEND THAT CLASS!!**

A student who is in attendance for at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days a class is offered may be given credit or a final grade if the student completes a plan approved by the school's principal that provides for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class. However, a student under the jurisdiction of a court in a criminal or juvenile justice proceeding may not receive credit or a final grade without the consent of the judge presiding over the student's case.

To clear an absence: The parent or guardian should call their students' alpha level office before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the absence to have the student's absence cleared.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCE**

When a student is absent from school, the student—upon arrival or return to school—must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is age 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. A phone call from the parent may be accepted, but the district reserves the right to require a written note. The campus will document in its attendance records for the student whether the absence is considered by the district to be excused or unexcused. Note: Unless the absence is for a statutorily allowed reason under compulsory attendance laws, the district is not required to excuse any absence, even if the parent provides a note explaining the absence.

## **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

Within 2 days of returning to school, a student absent for more than 3 consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's extended absence from school. Otherwise, the student's absence may be considered unexcused and, if so, would be considered to be in violation of compulsory attendance laws. Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's absence from school to determine whether the absence or absences will be excused or unexcused. A student who misses 20 or more minutes of a class period will receive an unexcused absence.

## **LEAVING CAMPUS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

Students must have parental and school permission before leaving the campus except at the end of their regular school day. A phone request for dismissal should be made in the attendance office. Doctor, dental, and other appointments for students to be scheduled so that the student will be in attendance during the second class period (the official attendance marking period). Any student leaving during school hours must have permission from the attendance office and must sign out in that office. Students who become ill during the school day must receive permission from the clinic or administrator's office to leave school (this includes lunch periods). Students must sign in when they return. Failure to sign in and out will result in disciplinary consequences.

**For more information on truancy policy, absence clarifications, and other attendance procedures, please refer to the SISD Student Handbook, pages 26-30.**

### **DRIVER'S LICENSE (VOE FORM)**

For a student between the ages of 16 and 18 to obtain a driver's license, written parental permission must be provided for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to access the student's attendance records and, in certain circumstances, for a school administrator to provide the student's attendance information to DPS. A verification of enrollment (VOE) and attendance forms may be obtained from your student's Assistant Principal's office, which the student will need to submit to DPS upon application for a driver's license. Attendance must meet the 90% attendance rule in each class for the current semester to obtain a VOE.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

The textbooks used by each student are supplied by the State of Texas or the local Board of Education and are the property of the school. Textbooks are issued for student use during the time of enrollment in school and must be returned at the end of the school term or when the student withdraws from school or has a schedule change. Textbooks are numbered and coded, and the assistant principal over textbooks keeps a record of the books issued to each student. A book check is conducted at the end of each semester to be certain that students have their own textbooks. Lost textbooks should be paid for by the student to whom they were issued. This will be paid to the bookkeeper in the main office, and the student will be given a receipt. A new book will not be issued until the student pays for the one that has been lost and shows the receipt to the teacher. Payment arrangements can be set up through the bookkeeper in A101. If the lost textbook is found, the student must present the book and receipt to the secretary in order to obtain a refund. Textbooks should be covered at all times. Fines for damage to textbooks may be assessed. If a textbook is damaged to the extent that it cannot be used again, the full price of the textbook will be charged. A student will not receive records or be issued other textbooks until all outstanding textbook obligations are clear.

### **CLASSIFICATION CREDITS**

Classification will be determined at the time of registration and will not be changed during the year. The following classification credits apply:

SOPHOMORE 5

JUNIOR 12

SENIOR 19

### **MEDICATIONS**

No medication of any kind will be given to any student without specific written instructions from a doctor. The medication should be brought to school in the original prescription bottle. A form is provided for this purpose, and should be left with the school nurse. Students with undiagnosed rash or red eyes must bring a note from the doctor stating the condition is not infectious to others.

### **NURSE (CLINIC)**

Students who become ill must receive permission from the clinic to leave school, or an unexcused absence will be assessed. Our clinic will be staffed with a full time registered nurse. A student who is ill should request a pass from the teacher and report to the clinic. First aid supplies are available in the clinic. The clinic aide will notify the parent or guardian in the event it is necessary for the student to leave school. Some examples include, if your child has a fever over 100 degrees, he or she must stay out of school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. In addition, students with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea-free without diarrhea-suppressing medications for at least 24 hours. It is important that the school be provided with the current telephone number where parents or guardians may be reached. All Covid-19 related issues or illnesses must follow all district protocols and procedures.

## **VISITORS**

Parents and others are welcome to visit district schools. For the safety of those within the school and to avoid disruption of instructional time, all visitors must first report to the main office and must comply with all applicable district policies and procedures. When arriving on campus, all parents and other visitors should be prepared to show identification. Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time are permitted only with approval of the principal and teacher and only so long as their duration or frequency does not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt the normal school environment. Even if the visit is approved prior to the visitor's arrival, the individual must check in at the main office first. All visitors are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of courtesy and conduct; disruptive behavior will not be permitted.

## **IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

The first identification card is provided to students at the beginning of the school year. Students are required to wear their ID card while on campus during school hours and at school events outside of the school day. Failure to comply with ID expectations is in violation of the school rules. Should the ID be stolen or lost, it is the student's responsibility to have a replacement ID made immediately. Replacement IDs will be made in the student's Assistant Principals office before or after school. A replacement ID will cost \$5.00. If a student withdraws from Sherman High School for any reason other than graduation, the student must return the ID.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (ALL GRADE LEVELS)**

### **Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Cell Phones, and Other Electronic Devices**

Sherman ISD recognizes cell phones/electronic devices as part of the fabric of 21st century society and believes in the importance of integrating technology into instruction. Cell phone/electronic devices have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in many ways. However, in the school environment, personal cell phones/electronic devices can be a distraction and interruption during the learning process. The ringing of the cell phone during class or the text-messaging takes away from the valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We do recognize that cell phones/electronic devices can be a safety/security tool; however, they can be a detriment in the event of a building emergency and our protocol to manage such emergencies in a safe and effective manner. Parents and guardians are asked to call the school's phone number to relay any messages that may be urgent in reference to their child.



The district permits students to possess personal cell phones and telecommunications devices for safety purposes; however, all telecommunications devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, off their person, and stowed away in the cell phone pocket during class time.

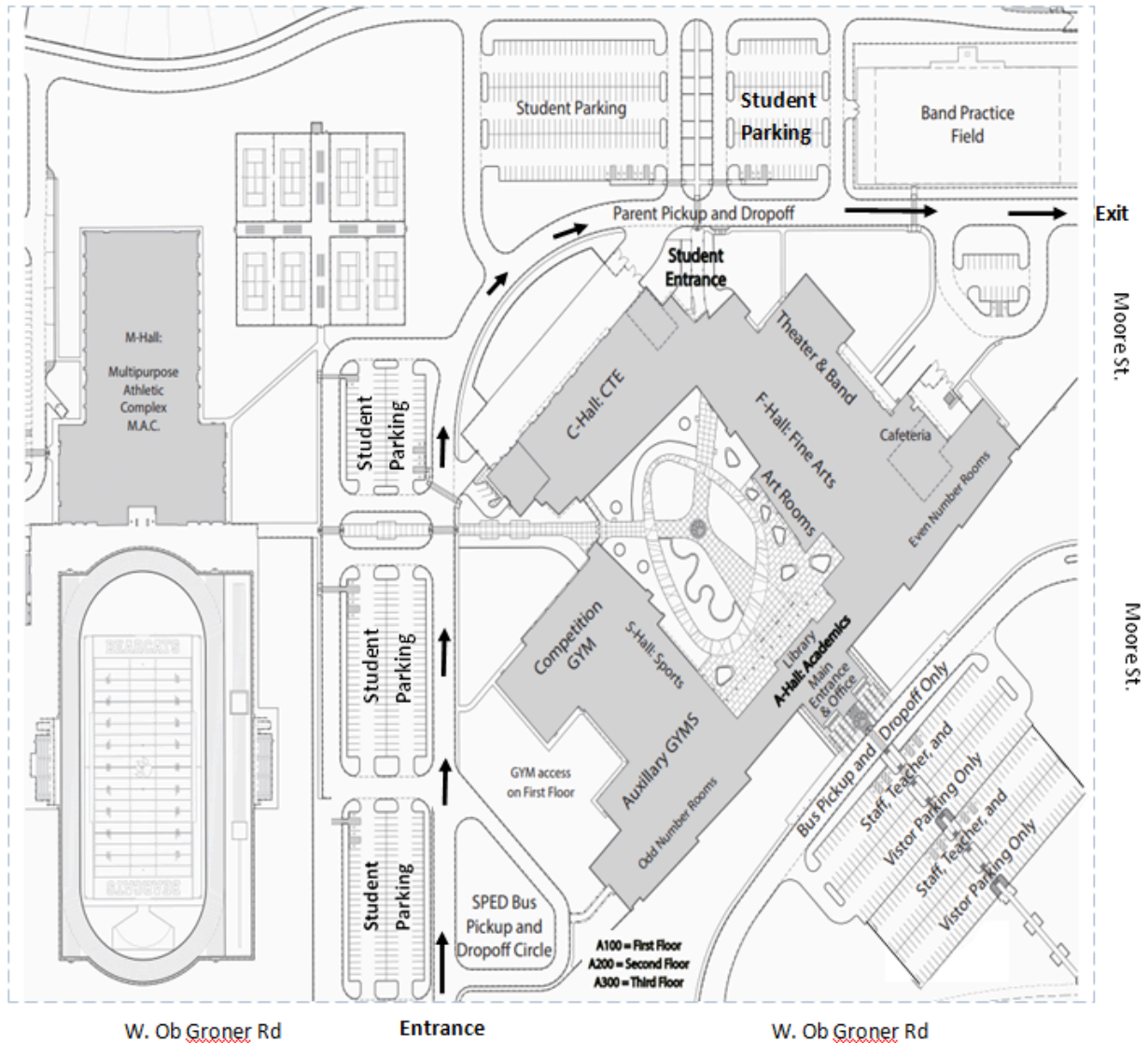
Personal electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, gaming devices, etc., are not permitted on campus without administrative approval. Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items.

The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

For more information about the telecommunications and devices policy, please refer to the [SISD Student Code of Conduct](#) or visit the [cell phone policy page on the Sherman ISD website](#)



# Student Parking and Drop Off



## **BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES**

Failure to serve school consequences will result in additional consequences. If students are unable to serve consequences on the assigned day, parents must notify the appropriate assistant principal's office. A parent's permission for a student to miss assigned consequences will not prevent students from getting additional consequences.

PLEASE REFER TO [SHERMAN ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT](#) FOR ALL BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES.

## **Detention**

Students will be referred to the detention hall by the appropriate principal/assistant principal for any reason deemed necessary. Students assigned to detention will not be excused for any reason after the detention hall is in progress. Detention hall will be held in room A129 (RESET room) classroom from 7:20 am to 8:20 am and 4:00pm to 5:00pm, assigned as needed by the appropriate principal/assistant principal. Students will be required to turn in their cell phone for the duration of detention and should bring their schoolwork to the detention hall. Students will not be allowed to sleep in detention. If for any

reason the student's behavior causes the need for the student to be removed from detention, a parent will be called and the assistant principal will assign appropriate consequences.

### **Saturday School**

Saturday School will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00p.m. on designated Saturdays. This will be held in a designated room at Sherman High School. Assignment to Saturday School will be made by the preceding Thursday of each week in order to allow time for students and parents to be notified. Students/parents may choose to serve Saturday School on shorter notice. If a student fails to attend or to participate appropriately, the student will be assigned additional discipline consequences.

### **On Campus Suspension "RESET"**

RESET is an alternative to off-campus suspension for students who fail to follow accepted rules of behavior, thus preventing them from continuing their education in the regular classroom. Daily assignments will be provided by the regular classroom teachers. Cooperation, a consistent effort toward completion of assignments, and respect for the rights of others will enable students to earn the privilege of returning to the regular classroom. This responsibility belongs to the student. RESET will be held during regular school hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.), for ALL students. No early dismissal/late arrival will be permitted (including vocational students). Students will eat lunch in the RESET classroom. Students will surrender cell phones to the teacher upon arrival. The RESET classrooms operate under strict rules, and students are expected to follow them. Improper behavior in RESET will be cause for immediate removal from the class and further disciplinary action. During a student's assignment to RESET, students WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any school activities.

### **Out of School Suspension**

- A. The student must be advised specifically of the reason for suspension.
- B. A student may be suspended from 1 to 3 days depending on the incident and the time needed for an investigation to take place. Further consequences may be deemed necessary after the investigation is completed during the suspension. Parents will be notified of any findings adhering to the FERPA laws for students safety. The student is responsible for any work missed during a suspension.

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

DAEP is a structured program for students designed to modify a student's behavior and provide opportunities for academic success. The DAEP is located at 2701 North Loy Lake Road. During a student's term of assignment to DAEP, the student WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any activities at their home campus, or any other Sherman campus, which include but are not limited to athletic events, graduation ceremony, awards assembly, prom, etc.

### **Expulsion**

Includes (but is not limited) to crimes against a person, or in possession of items prohibited by law, or in violation of State drug/alcohol felonies as listed in Sherman Student Code of Conduct book. See Code of Conduct for details.

# **Sherman High Discipline Management Plan**

### **ABUSIVE/INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE OR GESTURES -**

Conversation w/another student = AM/PM Detention

Confrontation w/another student = 1 Days RESET

Directed towards faculty/staff = 3 days of RESET

Directed towards faculty/students that are racially discriminatory = 3 days of RESET with possible DAEP

**ALCOHOL** - Any student who uses/is under the influence of/ possesses/ sells/ or delivers an alcoholic beverage on school property or at a school sponsored activity will be subject to assignment to DAEP. Any student who uses alcohol before coming to a school event is also subject to consequences. Parent and police will be contacted.

*Students involved in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional disciplinary action.*

**UNAUTHORIZED STARTING OF FIRE/FALSE PULL OF FIRE ALARM/FALSE POLICE OR CRIME STOPPER REPORT/FALSE 911 CALLS/NOT COOPERATING DURING CRISIS DRILLS -**

Contact parent; Contact SRO/fire department; Assignment to DAEP

**ASSAULT** - Assignment to DAEP. SRO will be called

**BEING IN UNAUTHORIZED AREA-** Possible actions can/will include: Parent contact, After School Detention, RESET, and possible DAEP

**BULLYING/CYBER BULLYING -**

Possible actions can/will include:

- Parent Contact
- Formal Investigation
- Stay-Away Agreement
- Schedule Change
- RESET
- Discretionary DAEP Placement
- Discretionary Expulsion

**BUS ISSUES** - Use SISD bus referral form/procedures

**CELL PHONES/SMART/ELECTRONIC DEVICES -**

The district has an “Off and Off” policy for dealing with distractions caused by overuse of cellphones:

- “Off and Off”: the device is turned off and off the student’s person.
- No cell phones, smart devices, earbuds or headphones, etc. are allowed to be used during class time.
- Students will place their cell phones in the hanging pocket organizer as they walk into the classroom. Backpacks/bags will be placed in a designated area in the classroom.
- Devices will be confiscated if visible at unauthorized times and/or locations, and consequences will be issued:

**Disciplinary Action for Unauthorized use of cellphone:**

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the following consequences may be implemented:

***First Offense*** = Warning and teacher keeps the device and return to the student at the end of class.

***Second Offense*** = Cell phone/electronic device will be taken up by the teacher and turned into the AP office. Students will be charged \$15 and parents will be required to pick up the phone A101. Parent contact by teacher. A discipline referral entered by teacher resulting in an AM/PM detention.

***Third Offense*** = Cell phone/electronic device taken up by teacher and turned into the AP office. Students will be charged \$15 and parents will be required to pick up the phone A101. Parent contact by teacher. A discipline referral entered by teacher resulting in Saturday School.

***Fourth Offense*** = Cell phone/electronic device taken up by teacher and turned into the AP office. Students will be charged \$15 and parents will be required to pick up the phone A101. Parent contact by teacher. A discipline referral entered by teacher resulting in 1 day of RESET.

**Refusal:** Refusal to give cellular phone and/or smart devices to the teacher will result in a minimum of 3 days of RESET. The teacher will call an administrator and the student may be removed from the class and the phone will be confiscated. Refusal to give the phone and/or smart devices to a principal will result in 1 day of OSS.

*At any time, the Administrators reserve the right to deny cell phone/electronic devices usage or possession during the school day.*

*\*\*Phones must be picked up in person by parents within 30 days of notification. After that time, phones may be disposed of.*

#### **DISRUPTION OF RESET -**

Including but not limited to the following behaviors:

Leaving without permission, Failure to comply with RESET policies = Suspension, OSS and/or possible placement at DAEP.

**DRESS CODE** - A student will not be allowed in the classroom out of dress code. Repeated dress code violations may result in additional consequences.

#### **Disciplinary Action Dress Code Violations:**

**First Offense** = Student is required to change, parent called, and inappropriate items will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. If students do not have a change of clothes they will be required to call their parents to change.

**Second Offense** = Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will be assigned AM/PM detention.

**Third Offense** = Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will be assigned Saturday School.

**Fourth Offense** = Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will be assigned 1 day RESET.

#### **DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL -**

Minimum 3 days RESET with the possibility of suspension and a DAEP placement.

**DOOR PROPPING/SECURITY BREACH** - A student will not compromise the security of the building. This includes propping, opening, or entering a door and allowing others to enter without going through proper security.

**First Offense** = Up to 3 days RESET

**Second Offense** = Possible suspension with additional days in RESET

**DRUGS** - Any student who uses/is under the influence of/ possesses/ sells/ delivers a controlled substance or dangerous drug (including look-alike substances) on school property or at a school-sponsored activity will be subject to assignment to DAEP. Any student who uses drugs before coming to a school event is also subject to these consequences. Parents and police will be contacted.

*Students involved in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional disciplinary action.*

- Drug paraphernalia = DAEP
- THC products, including Delta 8, will result in the student being placed at DAEP with possible JJAEP

**END-OF-YEAR BEHAVIOR** - Reference: Code of Conduct - during the last month of school, any misbehavior or offenses as found in the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action which could result in removal from the end-of-year activities. Students may also be required to take exams during a time other than the regularly scheduled examination period. Consequences may be carried over to the following semester.

**FAILURE TO REPORT TO OFFICE** - An administrator may request that a student report to the office. Failure to report results in a minimum 1 day RESET.

**FAILURE TO SERVE SCHOOL ASSIGNED CONSEQUENCES -**

Failure to serve AM/PM detention will result in Saturday School.

Failure to serve Saturday School will result in RESET.

**FIGHTING -**

**First Offense** = Up to 3 days suspension and assignment to DAEP

**Second Offense** = Same as first offense with additional time at DAEP

**FORGED/ FALSIFIED/MISUSE/UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF FACULTY/STAFF SIGNATURE OR DOCUMENT/ID/PRIVILEGE CARD/ELEVATOR PASS/INFO.** - (e.g., Hall pass, Doctor's note, tests, etc.) - Minimum 3 days RESET

**GAMBLING** - Minimum 3 days RESET

**GANG RELATED VIOLENCE** - 3 days suspension and assignment to DAEP

**HATS/HEAD COVERING** - Hats/head coverings worn in the building are prohibited. Hats/head coverings of any kind will be confiscated by the assistant principal and returned only to the parent after the first offense.

**First Offense** = warning and hat/head covering returned to student at the end of the day

**Second Offense** = AM/PM detention

**Third Offense** = 1 days RESET

**HORSE PLAY / PLAY FIGHTING / SLAP-BOXING** - 3 days minimum RESET

**IDENTIFICATION BADGES** (Consequences Per Semester) - ID badges must be visible at all times and worn around the neck—including while utilizing school transportation—failure to wear ID badge will result in student being sent to nearest AP Office:

**First Offense** = Warning given. Temporary ID badge will be issued.

**Second Offense** = Temporary ID badge issued, parent called and detention assigned.

**Third Offense** = Temporary ID badge issued, parent called, Saturday School assigned, new badge printed and charged \$5.00.

**Following Offenses** = Refusal to purchase/wear and ID badge - Assistant Principal will call a parent and 1 day of RESET assigned.

\*\*If a student states the badge is lost, a new badge will be issued and a fee of \$5.00 will be assessed to Myschoolbucks.

Repetitive infractions may result in additional consequences. Changing information on ID's will be considered forging/falsifying a school document.

**INSUBORDINATION**- Defiance of authority or refusal to obey direction, or deliberate acts in a disrespectful manner towards staff or the school as a whole as determined by the Assistant Principal.

**First and following offenses** - detention up to DAEP placement.

**INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS** - Possession of articles with no instructional purpose are inappropriate for school and will be confiscated and only returned to a parent. These items include, but are not limited to: laser pointers, lighters, matches, pocket knives, printed material, water balloons, water guns etc.

Minimum 1 day detention

**LEAVING CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION/ FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES WHEN SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL** - Minimum 3 days RESET- The period the student leaves is

unexcused. Students must have an authorized pass from their Assistant Principal's office in order to go to cars during the school day. Students who leave campus and return are subject to being searched.

**LEAVING CLASS/LUNCH WITHOUT PERMISSION -**

**First Offense** = AM/PM detention

**Second Offense** = 1 days RESET

**Third Offense** = 2 days RESET

**Fourth Offense** = 3 days RESET

**PARKING LOT VIOLATION -**

- Parking in unauthorized spaces
- Reckless driving
- No parking tag
  - May result in ticket being issued, parking boot, or vehicle towed

**First Offense** = Warning

**Second Offense** = Loss of parking privileges for one month

**Third Offense** = Loss of parking privileges for one semester

\*\*Students must have an authorized pass from their Assistant Principal's office in order to go to cars during the school day.

**PERSISTENT MISBEHAVIOR -** Possible assignment to DAEP

**POSSESSION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL -** Minimum 3 days of RESET with possible assignment to DAEP

**SEXTING -** Minimum 3 days RESET - Possible assignment to DAEP - SRO called as needed.

**SEXUAL CONTACT -** Up to 3 days of Suspension and/or additional consequences. Possible assignment to DAEP. SRO called as needed.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT -** Engage in conduct that constitutes sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual abuse, whether by word, gesture, or any other conduct, directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, board member, or volunteer.

**Verbal** - slurs, name calling sexual innuendo and other suggestive, offensive or derogatory comments humor or jokes about sex remarks about someone's body or apparel, catcalls

**Nonverbal** - leering, suggestive or insulting sounds or gestures, offensive printed or written materials

**Physical** - unnecessary and unwanted physical contact, impeding or blocking movements, which suggest sexual advances physical assault The considerations listed above are not all inclusive but rather serve as examples. Consequences for a student who is found to have engaged in sexual harassment may range from parent contact to an assignment to an alternative education program depending on the nature of the inappropriate behavior

Minimum 3 days RESET to possible assignment to DAEP for all the above.

**SKATEBOARDS/SHOES WITH WHEELS -**

Shoes with wheel- dress code consequences

Skateboards will be confiscated for every offense

**First Offense** = warning and item returned to student at the end of the day

**Second Offense** = Parent must pick up the item

**SUBSTITUTE MISBEHAVIOR -** Students who act inappropriately with substitute teachers are assigned a minimum of 3 days RESET.

**TARDIES** (per semester/per class) -

***First Offense*** = Warning

***Second Offense*** = Warning

***Third Offense*** = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & AM/PM Detention

***Fourth Offense*** = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & Saturday School

***Fifth Offense*** = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & 1 days RESET

***Sixth Offense*** = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & 2 days RESET

***Seventh Offense*** = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & 3 days RESET

Repetitive infractions may result in additional consequences and conference with a parent/guardian.

NOTE: Failure to return to class with a tardy slip will result in an unexcused absence. Tardy Sweeps and Hall Sweeps will be conducted randomly. If a student is caught in a tardy sweep or Hall Sweep, additional consequences will be assigned

NO EXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDIES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

**THEFT/ROBBERY/BURGLARY** -

Valued under \$100 = Minimum 3 days RESET and SRO involvement

Valued over \$100 = DAEP and SRO involvement

**THREATS** - A statement of an intention to inflict pain, injury, damage, or other hostile action towards someone in retribution for something done or not done.

Student to students = Minimum 3 days RESET

Student to faculty/staff = 1-3 days of OSS up to assignment to DAEP

Terroristic = Mandatory DAEP placement up-to and including Expulsion

**TRUANCY** - skipping (consequences per semester)

***First Offense*** = AM/PM detention

***Second Offense*** = Saturday School

***Third Offense*** = 1 Day RESET

***Fourth offense*** = 2 Days RESET

***Fifth Offense*** = 3 days RESET

***Sixth Offense*** = Persistent misbehavior, possible DAEP

10 unexcused absences in any one class may result in loss of credit. Students will be referred to the Truancy Tribunal.

**TOBACCO/NICOTINE PRODUCTS (NOT INCLUDING VAPES)** - (Use/Possession) (Includes:

Building, grounds (within 300 feet), parking lot, school activity)

***First Offense*** = 1 day RESET

***Second Offense*** = 2 days RESET

***Third Offense*** = 3 days RESET

***Fourth Offense*** = Persistent misbehavior, Possible DAEP

**VAPES/VAPING** - (Use/Possession) (Includes: Building, grounds (within 300 feet), parking lot, school activity) (Products including but not limited to: e-cigarette, vapes and any component, part, or accessory for an e-cigarette or vape device.) \*SRO will be notified and possible citation issued in addition to school disciplinary action. Vapes containing controlled substances will be addressed under the policy regarding drugs.

***First Offense*** = Minimum 10 days DAEP

***Second Offense*** = Minimum 20 days DAEP

***Third Offense*** = Minimum 30 days DAEP

**VIOLATION OF STAY AWAY AGREEMENT** -

Students who violate a Stay Away Agreement will be assigned consequences up to possible assignment to DAEP.

**UNACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** - Refer to [SISD Code of Conduct](#). Unauthorized Use, visiting inappropriate sites. Possible suspension of electronic device access and/or minimum 3 days RESET.

**VANDALISM** - Minimum 3 days RESET - Restitution or repair as appropriate and SRO may be called. Possible assignment to DAEP

**WEAPONS** - (real or fake) Refer to [SISD Code of Conduct](#)

## Find the SISD Student Code of Conduct below:

[English Version](#)

[Spanish Version](#)

## Dress & Grooming Code 24-25

### SISD Dress & Grooming

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels) The District's Dress and Grooming Code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority and the work environment. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, not a distraction, and in a way that does not create a health or safety hazard. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause distraction, interfere with normal school operations, or create a safety hazard. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following Dress and Grooming Code:

- Students must wear their ID at all times when at school or traveling to and from school using District transportation.
- Student clothing must completely cover the student's torso and legs in the undergarment area. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned or snapped to conceal all skin to 3 inches below the collar bone. *See the figure below for areas.*
  - Pre-K–5th Grade Only: Shirts and blouses must have at least one-inch coverage between the shoulder and neck. Spaghetti straps are not allowed.
  - 6th Grade–12th Grade Only: Students may not wear tank tops, strapless dresses, or spaghetti straps. Tank tops are not allowed, regardless of the width of the straps. Short sleeves must be at least square with the shoulders. Shoulderless tops are not allowed.
- Students can wear shorts, skirts, and/or dresses, provided they do not expose undergarments or private body parts.
- All pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at waist level. Sagging and loose pants, shorts, or skirts are prohibited.



- Jeans or pants with holes, shorts, skorts, and leggings that do not expose undergarments or private body parts are acceptable. Garments must cover all undergarments at all times, whether in standing, reaching, stooping, bending over, or sitting positions.
- Tops that are torn, ragged, frayed, or contain holes are not permitted without appropriate coverings underneath their garments, such as undershirts.
- Tights, leggings, jeggings, bike shorts, and other skin-tight/form-fitting pants must be worn with shirts, skirts, “skorts,” or shorts that extend and cover the buttocks.
- Any clothing articles designed as underwear or sleepwear may not be worn as outerwear.
- All undergarments, in their entirety, must be concealed at all times, including straps and boxers.
- The chest, midriff, and buttocks should be covered at all times with non-see-through material. Undergarments must not be seen while standing, reaching, stooping, bending over, sitting, or making other movements.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, other headwear, and hoods on hooded jackets or pullovers may not be worn inside the school building.
  - Students undergoing or recently receiving chemotherapy or any medication causing hair loss may wear head coverings approved by the campus principal.
- Hair, by color or design, may not distract from the learning environment. Non-natural hair color is permitted as an accent. If designs are shaved into the hair, they must be school-appropriate and may not condone or represent drugs, gangs, alcohol, profanity, violence, obscenity, or anything deemed inappropriate by the school administration.
  - Hair spiked or arranged in a disruptive or distracting style will not be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, Mohawk haircuts.
- Eyes must be visible at all times and not covered by hair or other objects, unless approved by the campus principal based on a medical physician’s authorization.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Shower shoes and beach shoes, house shoes, slippers, or shoes with wheels or lights are prohibited. Students must have shoes that are safe and appropriate for a normal school day or participation in school-related activities. Medical shoes may be worn with a medical physician’s authorization.
- Students may not wear tongue rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, ear gauges, spacers, facial jewelry such as hoops or rings, or facial decorations. They may, however, wear one small nose stud.
- Jewelry that distracts from the instructional environment is unacceptable.
- Any class, student organization, or school-sponsored group t-shirt designed and intended to be worn at school must receive final approval from the campus principal.
- Distracting or excessive make-up is prohibited.
- Clothing, grooming, and overall appearance may not reflect gang affiliation by any means, whether intentional or unintentional. The Sherman ISD Police Department will maintain a list of gang-affiliated attire and grooming.
- Students may not wear any clothing article that depicts or advertises alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, violence, or behavior perceived as lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.

- Metal chains (e.g., wallet chains, belt chains, etc.), costume clothing or costume accessories, metal hair picks, and blankets are prohibited.

Students are expected to be in compliance with the dress code at any school-related event or activity; school officials have the authority to ask students to leave if they are inappropriately dressed.

*Note: The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity and may impose higher standards.*

The principal may prohibit any dress or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause distraction, interfere with normal school operations, or create a safety hazard, even if the distraction is not explicitly spelled out in the Dress and Grooming Code. In addition, the principal's judgment related to dress and grooming is the final decision before consequences are issued. If you have reason to believe that you may not be adhering to the Dress and Grooming Code, please consult your campus principal prior to coming to school to avoid any disruption to your daily instructional schedule.

Students in violation of the Dress and Grooming Code is a violation of the SISD Student Code of Conduct and the student will be expected to immediately change to acceptable attire when violations are brought to their attention. Students will not be allowed to leave campus for the purpose of changing. If a student is unable to adhere to the Dress and Grooming Code, or they're unable to immediately change, the student will be assigned to In-School Suspension until a parent/guardian is able to bring an acceptable alternative. Parents are encouraged to provide a change of dress and grooming attire so that their student may return to their normal class routine as soon as possible.

The District's Dress and Grooming Code applies to all SISD students during regular school hours, as well as school-sponsored events that are outside of the regular school day. Certain school-sponsored events, such as graduation, may have a specific dress requirement for participants. Jefferson Learning Center, JDC, Boot Camp, and DAEP will maintain different standards of dress and grooming.

In its efforts to promote nondiscrimination, Sherman ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, or disability in providing education services, activities, and programs, including vocational programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

For lists of consequences, please refer to the Discipline section of the handbook, pages 13-17.

**For more information about the dress code, including illustrations, please refer to the Sherman ISD dress code website:**

<https://www.shermanisd.net/dresscode>



***All policies are subject to change based on Sherman ISD Board policy and the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct approval.***