Timelines

State law requires that a mandatory uniform policy not go into effect until 90 days after it is approved by the Board. [See FNCA(LEGAL)]

All students will wear clean clothing that is not torn or damaged.

Inappropriate Attire

Low-cut, sagging slacks or pants; sweat pants; biker pants; stocking/hose (being worn as pants); halter tops; bedtime attire, such as pajamas; or undershirts or undergarments (as outerwear); hats; caps; bandanas; hair rollers; hair curlers; plastic hair bags; hairnets; sweat bands; skull caps; and other similar clothing or grooming items will not be worn at school.

Students may not wear clothing that is either revealing or provocative. Students' clothing or tattoos may not have printed statements or pictures on either that are vulgar or obscene or related to the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or sex, or that promote hate and/or violence. Students are prohibited from wearing attire that may be considered weapons, such as chain belts, wallet chains, or other similar attire. Tattoos, if any, should be covered.

The length of dresses, skirts, and shorts will be no shorter than "finger-tip length" with arms in normal position, i.e., arms hanging naturally, as student is standing straight and upright.

Students will not wear house slippers, flip-flops, or other footwear that constitutes a safety hazard. Students are also prohibited from wearing steel-toed boots or steel-toed shoes to school.

For enforcement purposes, headwear worn as legitimate religious attire (as determined by the Board) may be considered as an exception.

Students will not wear on the outside of their clothing any jewelry or similar artifacts that are either obscene, distracting, or may cause disruptions to the educational environment.

Whether or not a student is dressed appropriately or properly groomed will be left to the discretion of the principal or his or her designee.

Grooming

All students, including students exempted from wearing standardized dress, are expected to exemplify proper grooming standards in a manner that projects an appropriate image for the student, school, and District.

Students will keep their hair, beards, eyebrows, and mustaches neatly groomed. Natural hair and natural hair styles will not be dis-

	criminated against or penalized in any way. Students are also prohibited from wearing facial jewelry and from exhibiting visible body piercing, including piercing of the tongue, during school hours.
Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activity Dress Code Prekindergarten–Grade 12	Nothing contained herein will prohibit the regulation of dress, grooming, and appearance of students participating in cocurricular and extracurricular school activities by the principal, in consultation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of or directing such activities. Such activities include, by example, JROTC, band, cheerleading, basketball, baseball, and ~~the like~~ **other campus/District events require students to wear if they have been issued.**
Curriculum-Related Activities	Deviations or exceptions to the policy must relate to the curriculum of the specific class, i.e., physical education.
Identification Badges	~~Secondary~~ ~~s~~**Students issued an ID badge** will be required to wear student ID badges on campus and at other campus **and/or District** events. [See Student Code of Conduct.]
Backpacks	Clear or Mesh backpacks are required to assist with District safety measures.
Parent and Student Responsibility	The parent and student will be responsible for ensuring that the student is in compliance with all aspects of this policy while on school campuses during school hours. In the event that a student is non-compliant with the dress code, the student will be given items to become compliant or may call the parent to bring the proper attire. Students may only be sent to in-school suspension if they refuse to become compliant with the dress code once options have been offered.
Special Events	Principals may allow students to participate in activities such as "'50s Day," "Spirit Day," and the like in which they do not have to follow the standardized dress code. The principal will be responsible for clearly defining the appropriate wear for these days.
Mandatory Standardized Dress Code Objection Process	All complaints will follow the complaint process outlined herein as well as FNG(LOCAL). The complaint process is applicable to all schools implementing mandatory standardized dress code in prekindergarten–grade 12.
Complaint Form	A parent or guardian of a student, who has an objection to standardized dress, will complete a written statement outlining the parent's or guardian's bona fide religious or philosophical objection. **Forms available at FNCA(EXHIBIT).** ~~[Forms are available on the School Leadership website.[1]]~~

Complaints will be filed on the Objection Form for Challenging Mandatory Standardized Dress Code. In addition, parents and/or guardians will be required to complete "Questions to Determine Bona Fide Religious and/or Philosophical Objections to Standardized Dress Code." **Forms available at FNCA(EXHIBIT).** **[~~Forms are available on the School Leadership website.[2]~~]**

Campus staff will ensure parents are provided the forms for which to file their complaints. Completed complaint forms will be returned to the campus principal's office for consideration and review.

All complaints should be resolved at the lowest level possible. The final approving authority will forward a copy of the complaint to the campus principal for inclusion into the student's record.

Providing Student Standardized Dress Clothing in Special Circumstances

The District will provide standardized dress clothing for a student whose parent(s) or guardian(s) complete an assistance application if that student's eligibility is approved. Application forms are available online and at each prekindergarten–grade 8 campus. A student qualifies for standardized dress clothing if he or she is found to be educationally disadvantaged. [See FNCA(LEGAL)]

When a student's qualification is determined, the principal will authorize assigned staff to place an order for the student. Orders will be facilitated by assigned central staff. Clothing consists of a top and a bottom.

Schools should maintain a closet where extra standardized dress clothing items are kept for students who need assistance. Principals will establish procedures to provide shirt and pants to new students to the campus who do not have the appropriate clothing items upon enrollment and are in need of assistance.

Questions About Applications

Once the school personnel have submitted the completed application to the **~~Family and Community Engagement office~~** **Parent Advocacy and Support Services**, the family should be referred to that office if they have questions about their application.

Adoption or Last Amendment Date

This regulation was last amended on **~~June 1, 2023~~.** **June 24, 2025.**

~~[1] Form for objection to standardized dress: https://www.dallasisd.org/Domain/148~~
~~[2] Form to challenge mandatory dress code: https://www.dallasisd.org/Domain/148~~