

Kilgore ISD Secondary Dress Code 2025-2026

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Student dress reflects the quality of the school and affects students' conduct. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration, or hairstyle extreme enough to create a distraction or disturb the normal routine of school shall be deemed inappropriate. The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the campus administration's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

Unapproved choices of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, and hairstyles include:

General:

1. All forms of headgear (hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, etc) covering any portion of the head at any time while on campus.
2. Dark glasses (except by written order of a physician)
3. Tattoos deemed obscene or offensive by the administration must be covered (**See #8**)
4. Any gang-related items
5. Exposed body piercings other than earrings or nose studs. Plugs must be worn in gauged holes.
6. Hair **MUST BE** neat, clean, and well-groomed. Hair shall not cover the eyes; styled in any manner which attracts undue attention, or spiked more than 2 inches.
7. Dog collars with spikes or studs, spiked bracelets, or exposed chains (other than small necklaces)
8. Obscene, inappropriate, or offensive language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol, or narcotics on clothing, jewelry, or exposed body parts. Radically related symbols, emblems, pictures, words, or slogans.

Shirts/Blouses/Tops:

1. Clothing that exposes bare midriffs. Midriffs must be fully covered when arms are extended above the student's head
2. Tank tops or clothing that has low necklines or low underarms
3. See-through, provocative, or excessively tight clothing
4. Pajama tops
5. Dusters or long coats
6. Visible Undergarments

Shorts/Pants/Bottoms:

1. Dresses, skirts, split garments, and shorts that are shorter than 5" above the knee.
2. Clothing resulting in "sagging"
3. Pajama bottoms
4. Torn clothing, showing skin 5" above the knee
5. Leggings/yoga/form-fitting pants (unless top or dress is no shorter than 5" above the knee)
6. Visible Undergarments

Shoes:

1. Appropriate shoes/boots are to be worn at all times. NO house slippers

Miscellaneous:

1. Blankets
2. Stuffed Animals

Optional Face Coverings:

Due to current health concerns, face coverings will be optional for all students in grades 6 through 12.

- Bandanas used as optional face coverings are not permitted.
- If a student chooses to wear a face covering for health concerns, it should **NOT** be decorated in any gang-related symbols/emblems, obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol or narcotics, or radically related symbols, emblems, pictures, words or slogans.
- Helmets, welder's masks, toy masks, etc, used as optional face coverings are not permitted.

"Dress Up" Days

Some clothing may be considered permissible ONLY on special "dress-up" days. You will receive a notification from the campus on these occasions.

Any other dress deemed inappropriate by campus administration will not be allowed. The dress code may be amended if needed as fashion changes. Final decisions on the appropriate school dress are made with the Campus Administration. A student shall be given an opportunity to correct the dress code problem at school. If not corrected, he/she shall be subject to appropriate discipline according to the campus discipline matrix.