

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

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:

1. All skirts, dresses and shorts must be no shorter than fingertip length when standing with arms, straight by their side.
2. Shorts and skirts must be visible when worn under oversized shirts or jackets at all grade levels.
3. Low-rise jeans or skirts must be worn with tops that cover the midriff when their arms are raised above head.
4. No pajamas or flannel pants unless it is a special theme day in elementary PreK-5. All pajamas must meet dress code requirements.
5. No spacers, gauges, or facial piercings such as, but not limited to, lip, tongue, or eyebrow piercings; must be small studs. Students may wear one small stud in a piercing on the nose.
6. No more than three ear piercings on females/males. Students who have an upper piercing on the ear may only wear small studs in order to maintain safety and avoid causing distraction.
7. Students who come to school with multiple or unacceptable piercings will have to remove the piercing while at school each day and will not be permitted to wear a bandage to cover it.
8. No visible tattoos (including temporary ones), no body markings (including temporary ones), or body piercings. Students in violation will have to cover the visible items with appropriate clothing or bandages while on campus or school-related events. Covering tattoos is the responsibility of the student, not the school. 57 Mount Calm ISD Student Handbook
9. No sagging pants may be worn at school. If a student violates this rule, the student will be required to see an administrator to receive a zip-tie, or belt to secure them.
10. No visible undergarments on males or females may be worn at any time.

11. All tops on girls or boys in grades 4-12 must have at least a 2" strap at the shoulder. Tank tops, razorbacks, halters are allowed as undershirts. Sheer tops are allowed only if top worn underneath has at least a 1" strap. Pk-3 students must wear clothes that the student can be easily removed for bathroom purposes. Pk-3 females must wear shorts under their dresses and skirts.

12. Sunglasses, caps, hats, or other head coverings may not be worn in any building except on specially designated days or occasions approved by the administration. Prescription glasses that are transitional are allowed. The student will need to notify the administrator.

13. Distracting haircuts such as Mohawks or large spiked styles are not allowed. Students who have shaved lines in their hair may only have 2 lines.

14. No feather attachments or unnatural color braids may be worn in the hair.

15. Only colors that are in the spectrum of a natural hair color are allowed.

16. Hair on males and females must be kept neat and out of the eyes in order to avoid impairing vision during classes and allow teachers to see the students' eyes during instruction. Students must have hair pulled back or cut if it does not meet this standard.

17. For students in grades 9-12, facial hair must be kept neatly groomed.

18. Students may not wear house shoes unless specified or prescribed by a physician or on designated days. A doctor's note must be provided to the administrator in this instance. Shoes must have a hard sole and the outer part must be made of cloth, leather or faux leather.

19. Flip flops or pool type shoes must be kept on feet and not cause distraction. If students are unable to adhere to this expectation, parents will be notified and loss of privileges to wear this type of footwear will result.

20. Jewelry, wrist bands, belts, accessories etc., with inappropriate wording are not permitted and may be confiscated by the campus administrator.

21. No apparel with suggestive, obscene, inflammatory markings or wording, violent pictures, blood, guns or any type of references to marijuana, gangs, alcohol, tobacco or other substances prohibited on campus allowed. Clothing and accessories with brands associated with the aforementioned items are prohibited as well.

22. No jeans or clothing with holes that show skin or undergarments are allowed that are higher than 6 inches above the knee. The campus principal has the final decision as to what constitutes appropriate school attire, including exceptions to the code made for district and campus spirit days. Administrators shall have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of attire and grooming for religious and/or medical necessities. If an administrator determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. Multiple warnings will not be issued to a student. A student may receive a disciplinary consequence as a result of any violation of the dress code. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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 correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.