

The district and campus guidelines for student dress and grooming shall reflect a positive image of the school and be representative of the standards of the community.

The Nederland Independent School District believes that the primary responsibility for student dress and grooming should be vested in the parents and students. For this reason, parents and/or students shall determine personal dress and grooming standards so long as student dress and grooming shall not interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities.

Using these general guidelines and the specific guidelines listed below, school administrators, with the input and support of faculty members, have the final decision in determining and enforcing acceptable student dress and grooming standards at school and at all school-related activities.

Specific Guidelines/Restrictions

The general appearance of students should be of such nature as not to attract undue attention or interfere with the instructional program.

Any type of clothing or hair style which, in the opinion of the principal or of his designee, tends to distract or cause a student to become a disturbing influence or tends to jeopardize the health or safety of students will be prohibited.

Clothing must adequately cover the body.

Students are not to wear clothing that is tight, loose, revealing, sagging, or short. Examples of unacceptable clothing according to this guideline include biker shorts, spandex shorts or tights, mini-skirts, tank tops, backless apparel, high slashed skirts, deliberately cut or torn garments, or midriff tops. (Midriff tops are those that reveal bare skin.)

Students cannot wear garments or have tattoos with visual or written messages that are likely to cause material or substantial disruption to the school environment. Examples of such prohibited visual or written messages include, but are not limited to, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images, disrespect for the American flag, and/or insults to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.

All garments, including shorts, skirts and dresses, must be an **appropriate and modest length**. All of these garments must come to the ends of the finger tips **or longer** when the arms are straight down at the sides.

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Garments such as pants or shorts must be hemmed or cuffed at the bottom.

Holes in clothing are prohibited.

Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that is typically worn for athletic purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, jogging shorts, biker shorts, or wind shorts.

A student is prohibited from wearing any form of dress, having a tattoo, or accessory identifying him or her with a gang or cult or symbolizing the beliefs of such a group.

Clothing shall be worn with suitable underclothing at all times. Undergarments shall be worn in such a manner as not to be visible.

Cleanliness of body is expected of all students.

Hair should be clean and neatly groomed. It should not cover the eyes or be colored or styled in any way that attracts undue attention.

Shoes appropriate for school should be worn at all times and must not present a safety or health hazard. Examples of unacceptable shoes according to this guideline include house shoes or slippers.

Shoes must be tied or fastened according to the shoe style.

Shoes **with rollers**, those that produce loud noises, or those that cause damage to floors are prohibited.

No type of cap, hat, bandanna, **hood**, or headband is to be worn in the buildings. Exceptions would be a cap or hat that is part of a uniform at a school activity or a head covering worn for religious purposes.

Pierced earrings are allowed, but all other body piercing jewelry is strictly prohibited.

Dark glasses are not permitted.

Any style of dress or grooming used as a gang-related identification is prohibited.

Additional Information

Students participating in special subjects or school-related activities, such as extracurricular or UIL activities or other special functions, may have a different dress or

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grooming code required or allowed by the sponsor, coach, teacher, or administration.

All students are required to adhere to the district dress and grooming guidelines, as well as any additional guidelines developed and approved for the campus. Exceptions will be permitted for bona fide religious or medical reasons.

Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE DRESS CODE WILL BE CONSIDERED DEFIANT BEHAVIOR.