Ferris ISD Dress Code

Some basics to remember include:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- All apparel must fit properly and must be worn in the appropriate manner intended.
- Students may not wear clothing that advertises by name or symbol any products that are not permitted in schools, including, but not limited to the following: drugs, alcohol, profanity, suggestive slogans, tobacco, obscenity, violence or gangs.
- Please note that all building administrative decisions regarding student dress are final. Students who disregard the dress code will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Shirts/Outerwear/Sweaters: Shirts must overlap the waistband of pants, skirts, or shorts. Students may wear appropriate outerwear, such as jackets, coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, and hoodies, as needed. Outerwear must follow all dress code expectations and may not create a disruption, safety concern, or conceal prohibited items. Blankets, throws, comforters, and similar items are not considered outerwear and may not be brought to or used at school unless approved by campus administration. Clothing that, in the opinion of professional staff, is distracting to the learning environment or offensive for school shall not be allowed, including, but not limited to: trench coats, halter or tube tops, bare shoulder tops, see-through clothing, or fishnet tops.

Bottoms: Students may wear shorts or skirts of appropriate length, at or about mid-thigh or longer, when fitted at the natural waistline. Should jeans/pants have frays, rips, or tears above the mid-thigh (appropriate length of shorts), students must wear leggings underneath the jeans. Yoga pants, leggings, and jeggings may be worn if the shirt drapes to mid-thigh. Additionally, clothing that professional staff determine to be distracting to the learning environment, inappropriate for school, or offensive is prohibited. For example: mini-skirts, pajama pants, sagging pants, see-through clothing, running shorts, and spandex shorts.

Shoes: For health reasons, students are required to wear shoes appropriate for the school setting. House shoes, slippers, flip flops, crocs (or "croc" types), or slides are not appropriate for school.

Other:

- All students must wear appropriate, non-visible undergarments.
- Caps, hats, bandannas, hair rollers, hair curlers, and other similar hair grooming items, shall not be worn by students in the school building. If students are wearing a shirt or jacket with a hood or a hoodie, the hood must remain down.
- Students may not wear the following: chokers, tongue rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, ear gauges, spacers, facial jewelry such as hoops or rings, or facial decorations. Students may, however, wear one small nose stud.
- Hair, by color or design, may not create a distraction to the learning environment.

- Face Coverings: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is for everyone's protection and to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. At times throughout the school year these items may be mandated for students, staff, and guests; at other times it may be highly recommended. No facial coverings or any other Personal Protective Equipment will be allowed if they in any way cause a distraction or disruption to the educational setting.
- As tattoos are not legal prior to the age of 18, FISD discourages underage tattoos. Tattoos may not create a distraction to the learning environment.

Students are expected to be in dress code at Ferris ISD extracurricular events.

Final Authority & Consequences

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress menu. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in the dress code policy shall be within the discretion of the administrator.

All situations cannot be covered by our district policy. Good judgment and proper taste applied in the public school and educational setting can be used to resolve most matters. Individuals desiring further clarification should contact the campus principal of the school their child attends. The campus principal or assistant principal shall be the final authority as to the appropriateness of student attire on each respective campus. The campus principal or his/her designee has the final say on what clothing may or may not be worn at an extracurricular event.

Parents should be aware that certain colors and brands of clothing might be gang-related. The administration reserves the right, at any time during the school year, to ban a certain color or brand of clothing. Campus administration will make an attempt to notify parents when the necessity arises to enact such a ban. This ban will be implemented thoughtfully and fairly, prioritizing the safety and best interests of all students.

If the campus 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. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.