Kilgore ISD Dress Code 2026-2027

The Kilgore Independent School District's (KISD) dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and promote respect for authority. The KISD Board of Trustees delegates to campus administration the authority to enforce and interpret this dress code in a manner consistent with maintaining a safe, orderly, and effective learning environment. Students are expected to dress and groom in a manner that is clean, neat, and does not present a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.

Any clothing, jewelry, body decoration, personal item, or hairstyle that is extreme enough to create a distraction or interfere with the normal routine of school is considered inappropriate. The district prohibits clothing or grooming that, in the judgment of campus administration, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

Campus administration may determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a student's attire, grooming, accessories, or personal items comply with this dress code and do not create a disruption or safety concern. Campus administration also has the authority to determine whether a student's attire, grooming, accessories, or personal items are appropriate for school.

Students who do not comply with the dress code will be required to modify their attire or grooming. Continued noncompliance may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Unacceptable Clothing, Grooming, and Personal Items

The following are not permitted:

General

1. All forms of headgear (hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, etc.) worn during the school day.
2. Dark sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician with documentation).
3. Tattoos deemed obscene or offensive by administration must be covered.
4. Gang-related clothing, symbols, or items.
5. Exposed body piercings other than earrings or nose studs. Gauges must be worn with solid plugs.
6. Hair must be neat, clean, and well-groomed. Hair shall not cover the eyes or be styled in a manner that disrupts the learning environment or creates unnecessary distraction.
7. Dog collars with spikes or studs, spiked bracelets, or exposed chains (excluding small necklaces).
8. Clothing, jewelry, body art, or accessories displaying obscene, offensive, or inappropriate language, symbols, imagery, or references to tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or gang affiliation.

Shirts / Blouses / Tops

1. Clothing that exposes the midriff. Midriff must remain covered when arms are raised above the head.
2. Tank tops or clothing with low necklines or low arm openings.
3. See-through, excessively tight, or provocative clothing.
4. Pajama tops.
5. Dusters or long coats worn inside the building.
6. Visible undergarments.

Shorts / Pants / Bottoms

1. Dresses, skirts, split garments, and shorts shorter than five (5) inches above the knee.
2. Clothing that results in sagging.
3. Pajama bottoms.
4. Torn or ripped clothing exposing skin more than five (5) inches above the knee.
5. Leggings, yoga pants, or form-fitting pants may be worn IF covered by a shirt, blouse, or dress that is not shorter than 5" above the knee)
6. Visible undergarments.

Shoes

1. Appropriate shoes or boots must be worn at all times. House slippers or soft-bottom slippers are not permitted.

Miscellaneous Items

1. Blankets
2. Stuffed animals
3. Items that may cause or be used to cause disruption or distraction to the educational environment.

Face Coverings (if worn for medical reasons)

Face coverings must not display gang-related symbols, obscene or offensive language or imagery, provocative pictures, or references to tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or other inappropriate content. Bandanas, helmets, masks, welding masks, or toy masks are not permitted as face coverings.

Dress-Up Days

Some clothing may be permitted only on designated "dress-up" days. Notification will be provided by the campus for those occasions.