GOOSE CREEK CISD

Student Dress Code for the 2026-2027 School Year

Philosophy

One of the goals of Goose Creek CISD is for all students to succeed academically and socially while preparing for future opportunities after graduation. Appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a positive learning environment, personal responsibility, safety, hygiene, and respect for others. Students are expected to follow standards that reflect good taste, modesty, dignity, and pride in themselves, their school, and the District.

Students and parents may determine personal dress and grooming standards provided that student appearance:

- Does not disrupt, interfere with, or detract from the educational environment;
- Does not create a health or safety hazard; and
- Complies with the District dress code and Student Code of Conduct.

Violation of the dress code is considered a Level II offense under the Student Code of Conduct.

General Standards

- Clothing must be neat, clean, appropriately fitted, and worn as designed.
- Clothing that is tight, revealing, sagging, excessively loose, see-through, or immodest is prohibited.
- Appropriate underclothing must be worn and covered at all times.
- Pajamas, house shoes, and slippers are not permitted.

- Clothing may not display visual, written, or implied messages related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, violence, vulgarity, gangs, or insults toward race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.
- The Confederate battle flag and similar offensive symbols are prohibited.
- Trench coats, duster coats, and similar garments are prohibited.
- In accordance with Texas Education Code Section 11.401: Clothing and/or grooming (including accessories) that manifest a student's intent to socially transition from the student's biological sex at birth to the opposite biological sex is prohibited.
- Students participating in extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events may be required to follow additional dress standards.
- Students must remain compliant with the dress code while on campus and during school-related activities.
- Students participating in certain programs or activities may be subject to exceptions.

Shirts and Tops

- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, halter tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, backless apparel, and revealing sleeveless tops are prohibited.
- Shirt straps must be three fingers wide, and on shoulders at all times.
- Bare shoulders, backs, chests, and midriffs are not permitted.
- Shirts and tops must fully cover undergarments.
- See-through, sheer clothing, and lace is prohibited unless worn over compliant clothing.
- Oversized shirts and tops extending past fingertips in a normal standing position are prohibited.
- Shirts must be long enough to preserve modesty during normal school activities such as bending, stretching, or raising arms.
- Students may not wear open-arm shirts or cut-off shirts.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses

- Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be worn at the waistline.
- Sagging clothing and exposed undergarments are prohibited.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must extend to at least fingertip length when arms are at the side in a normal standing position.
- Slits or openings in skirts and dresses may not extend above fingertip length when arms are at the side in a normal standing position.

- Shorts must have a finished hem, may not be rolled, and must extend to at least fingertip length when arms are at the side in a normal standing position.
- Cut-offs, boxer shorts, biker shorts, and spandex shorts are prohibited.
- Pants may not be see-through.
- Holes, tears, or rips in clothing must be knee level or below.
- Leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, tights, and other form-fitting pants must be covered by a skirt, dress, or shorts that are at least fingertip length.
- Overalls and suspenders must be worn over both shoulders and fastened as designed.

Footwear

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- House shoes, slippers, flip-flops, and similar footwear are prohibited.
- Shoes must be appropriate and safe for school activities.
- Steel-toe boots are not permitted unless approved for a specific academic need/class.

Hair and Grooming

- Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed.
- Unnatural colors or color variation in hair (i.e. scarlet, purple, blue, green, orange, etc.) will not be permitted.
- Geometric designs or unusual patterns (including Mohawks), symbols, excessive shaved patterns, and shaved eyebrow lines are prohibited.
- Sideburns must be neat and well-groomed and may not extend below the ear lobe or flare at the bottom.
- Hair must not cover any part of the face below the eyebrows.
- Facial hair of any kind is prohibited.
- A student will not be discriminated against based on hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race (protective hairstyles include braids, locs, twists).

Head / Face Coverings

- Hats, caps, bandanas, and other head coverings are prohibited inside the building unless approved in writing by the principal.
- Hoods attached to jackets, sweatshirts, or shirts may not be worn inside the building.
- Face coverings that obscure the identity of a person are prohibited unless approved in writing by the campus principal.

Jewelry, Piercings, and Tattoos

- Jewelry or accessories that are distracting, noisy, unsafe, or potentially used as weapons are prohibited. Dog collars, spiked accessories, and chains are prohibited.
- No student shall be permitted to wear visible piercings on body parts other than the ear. (i.e. nose, eyelids, lips, tongue, etc.). No student will be allowed to wear gauge earrings or plugs and/or other objects in the ear.
- Covering body piercings with bandages, tape, or any other temporary covering is not allowed; however, clear retainers will be permitted.
- Grills and unnecessary orthodontic devices are prohibited.
- Tattoos and/or drawings on the skin must be covered.

Sunglasses and Contacts

- Sunglasses, glasses with colored lenses, and distracting contact lenses may not be worn inside the building unless medically required and approved in writing by the campus principal.

Medical/Religious Exceptions

The district/principal may grant an exception to the district's dress and grooming requirements if:

- A documented medical or physical condition (a note from a licensed healthcare provider) makes compliance detrimental to the student's health, or
- There is documented (in writing) religious evidence that the student's sincerely held religious beliefs prevent them from complying with the policy.

Interpretation and Enforcement

Campus administrators have the authority to determine whether a student’s appearance violates the dress code or disrupts the educational environment.

Students in violation of the dress code will be given an opportunity to correct the issue. If the violation is not corrected, the student may:

- Be assigned to In-School Suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day;
- Remain in ISS until the issue is corrected;
- Be required to change clothing; and/or
- Receive additional disciplinary consequences consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.