

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevents disruptions, and minimizes safety hazards. The District reserves the right to alter the dress code rules as deemed necessary to respond to unexpected changes in fashion in order to maintain an orderly environment conducive to learning. Students are subject to the same rules of dress and grooming at all school sponsored events. For more information see Conduct before and after School page 66. The principal shall have the authority to decide whether any new style, trend, or fad in dress and grooming not specified in the handbook violates the campus dress code.

The District prohibits clothing that displays pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, inappropriate, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, and/or any other substances prohibited under policy FNCF (L). Students will properly wear their clothes and comply with the following:

School Appropriate tops:

Shirts/blouses must be short or long-sleeved in any solid or striped color. Students will wear polo or oxford type shirt buttoned modestly. Only Longhorn Spirit and college related t-shirts will be allowed. Tee-shirts associated with school clubs or organizations are also allowed. Oversized shirts that fall lower than the mid-thigh are not allowed.

School Appropriate bottoms:

Student may wear jeans, slacks, khakis, shorts, capris, and athletic pants, in any color. Skirts and dresses may not be 3" above the knees (see Special Occasion section below). Pajamas and tightly fitted sweat pants or tights are not allowed. No appropriate school bottoms will have holes that reveal skin or distracting patches on them. Minor frays are allowed; however they may not be present on the buttocks or crotch areas.

Outerwear/ Shoes

Jackets, hoodies, or any other outerwear worn will be either school logo items or solid color. Logos or print designs no larger than a quarter will be allowed. Jackets and hoodies must be worn open/unzipped while inside school buildings. Students will wear clean and appropriate shoes that include tennis shoes, boots, flip-flops, flats, casual shoes, and dressy shoes. Inappropriate shoes include: house/pajama shoes, costume shoes, steel toes (unless authorized by a club sponsor or teacher for a specific task), shoes with sharp spikes or lewd designs, boots that rise above the knee, and athletic cleats in the buildings.

Earrings nail color, hazardous jewelry, make-up, and tattoos:

Students will not be allowed to have any type of visible body piercing rings, openers, clear spacers, studs, or tattoos. Earrings are permitted for girls; however no more than three earrings and/or studs may be worn, and may only be worn in

the ear. Boys may not wear earrings or color their nails. Nail color implies the use of nail polish or the application of any other material including ink, marker, pain, or white out. Girls' makeup must be modest and proper as deemed by the administration. Application of makeup shall not be allowed in the classroom. Black lipstick and nail polish are not permitted. No hazardous or inappropriate jewelry shall be worn.

First Offense: Staff member will pick up the piercing, turn it in to the office, and student/parent pays a \$5 fine to retrieve it. Teacher/staff documentation is kept on file for future reference.

Second Offense: An office referral and a parent must pick up the piercing and pay a \$5 fine.

Third Offense: A referral and piercing will be kept for remainder of the school year.

Hair/Shaving

Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed/combed. Students who participate in athletics must conform to the grooming and safety standards set by the Head Football Coach/Athletic Director. No shocking hair colors will be permitted. Shocking colors including greens, blues, pinks, maroons, bright reds, purples, orange, and white will not be permitted. Any hairstyle that may be distracting in the classroom will be subject to the administrator's decision.

Boys may not have facial hair and may not have sideburns longer than below the ear. Boys may not have designs, symbols, ponytails, tails, or braids. Boys' hair shall be on the length that will not reach the bottom of a standard shirt collar and may not go over the eye brows or past the middle of the ear.

Hats, Bandannas, and Sweatbands:

Bandannas and sweatbands are not permitted on all school property or sponsored events. Students may not wear caps, hats, or other head coverings on school property except at outside events, such as football games. If worn improperly or inside any school-related building, the cap, hat, or other head covering will be confiscated with the following consequences:

First Offense: Staff member will pick up the cap, turn it in to the office, and student/parent will pay a \$5 fine to retrieve it.

Second Offense: A referral and the student/parent pay a \$5 fine.

Third Offense: A referral and the property will be kept for the remainder of school year.

Dress Standards for Special Occasions:

Dress code for special occasions such as homecoming, prom, commencement, and the athletic banquet will be communicated by the sponsors and the administration to parents and students in a letter. Dresses shall be appropriate in length by not exceeding 3 inches above the knee, and shall not be strapless, backless, or have a revealing slit on the upper thighs.