

Tarrant City Schools

Student Dress Code

A student dress code is necessary to maintain a safe school atmosphere that supports and encourages learning. In order to maintain an environment that is conducive to learning, the dress and/or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process in any way.

Students should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Jeans and other outerwear must be neat/clean, with no holes and/or tears above the knee, or inappropriate patches. No skin can be shown above the knee. Low riding and low-cut pants are prohibited.
2. Shirts worn untucked must be neat and not look unkempt. Students must be fully clothed at all times with no bare midriffs or bare sides. Clothing that may be considered provocative, see-through clothing, or skintight clothing is prohibited. Shirts should remain in compliance during normal school activities and cannot be tied up in the back.
3. Skirts, dresses, skorts, and shorts must be the appropriate length of no more than 5 inches above the knee.
4. Gym-type clothing, such as soccer shorts or gym shorts, can be worn only at the elementary level (K-6). Skintight workout or activity clothing is prohibited. Leggings may be worn if bottom is covered by a shirt or dress. No undergarments should be seen at any time.
5. Hoods, caps, hats, bandannas, other types of headwear, sunglasses, or ear buds are not to be worn at any time in the school building. Students wearing such items in the building during school hours will have them confiscated. Students in grades 7-12 may not wear any hooded garments on campus.
6. Clothing and/or personal items bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, sexual activity, violence, vaping, or any other wording, drawing, or picture that in any way is questionable or reasonably can be interpreted as inappropriate, suggestive, or offensive are prohibited. This includes other items not approved by administrators.
7. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Tennis shoes only for K-6 students. 7-12 students may wear the following: Sandals and dress shoes are allowed but must be secured. Flip flops, crocs, slides and house shoes are prohibited.
8. Hair must be clean and well-groomed, should not impair vision, or be of a length that would be dangerous around equipment (science, art, P.E., etc.) without being secured.
9. With the approval of the principal, the wearing of activity-specific apparel shall be limited to the day of the event.
10. Backpacks must be clear or mesh. No purses or wallets for K-2 grade students. Small clutch bags or wallets are permitted for 3-12 grade students as long as they don't exceed **4.5 inches by 6.5 inches**. Only essential items related to school need to be brought onto the school campus. This includes other items that could be used as a weapon or not approved by administrators.

Unless an exemption is authorized by a school administrator, the above rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for all students attending Tarrant City Schools. Students who fail to follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action and/or loss of privileges.

THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE SHALL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING ACCEPTABLE OR UNACCEPTABLE DRESS AND/OR GROOMING.

Non-conformity to the dress code is a Class I offense and will be treated as such. In addition, students will be asked to come into compliance with the dress code immediately. Parents will be contacted and may be asked to furnish appropriate clothing.

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