

## **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 unkept. Students must be fully clothed at all times with no bare midriffs, bare sides or bare shoulders. Clothing that may be considered provocative, see-through clothing or skintight clothing is prohibited.
3. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be the appropriate length of no more than 3 inches above the knee or fingertip length at side.
4. Gym-type clothing, such as soccer shorts or gym shorts, can be worn only at the elementary level (K-6). Skintight work out or activity clothing is prohibited. Leggings may be worn if covered by a shirt or dress in the front and back.
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.
6. **Clothing and/or personal items bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, sexual activity, violence, or any other wording, drawing, or picture that in any way is questionable or reasonably can be interpreted as being off-color, suggestive, or offensive are prohibited. Which includes other items not approved by administrators.**
7. Appropriate shoes must be worn. Crocs or sandals must be secured by a strap. Slides, flip flops, 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. or etc.) without being secure.
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. Small hand-size clutches or wallets are permitted.

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.

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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.