

# **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

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*The dress and grooming of students shall be that which, in the opinion of the ordinary reasonable person, contributes to the health and safety of the individual, and which is non-disruptive to the educational activities and processes of a school. No mode of attire that disrupts the classroom and/or the school's positive learning environment will be considered proper for school wear. All articles of clothing must be worn as intended by design. The Superintendent or his/her designee must approve any modifications to the Student Dress Code. The Student Dress Code Policy will be revisited by the Committee every 3 years beginning with the 2019-20 school year. However, the Superintendent may ask the School Board to approve an emergency revision at any time.*

*If there are questions regarding student dress and grooming, the school principal or his/her designee) will make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided.*

## **DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

- 1. No student shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, blade, symbol, sign, or other things which are evidence of affiliation with drugs, alcohol, violence or gang-related activities or which exhibit profane or obscene language and/or gestures.*
- 2. No hats, caps, or other headwear shall be worn on school campuses on regular school days, except when a medical condition or religious belief so warrants.*
- 3. Hairstyles shall be clean, neatly groomed and shall not distract from the learning environment nor be a safety factor for any of the school's curricular offerings. Any hairstyle including any hair color other than a naturally occurring color, that distracts from the unique environment of the school will be dealt with by the principal (or designee) of that school.*
- 4. Beards will not be allowed. Mustaches must be clean, neatly groomed and must not distract from the learning environment nor be a safety factor for any of the school's curricular offerings.*
- 5. Earrings may be worn in ears by females only. Females in grades Pre-K-6 may wear stud earrings only. Male students will not be allowed to wear earrings at school or at any school-related activity.*
- 6. Students who participate in extracurricular activities (cheerleaders, spirit group dancers, band members, and/or other drill teams) may not wear the group's uniform to class.*

## **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Violation:**

*The student will be sent to the office. If the determination is made that the student is in violation of the TPSS Dress Code, the student's parents/guardians will be notified of the violation and will be asked to bring the proper clothing to the school. If the parents/guardians cannot be contacted by phone or if proper clothing is not brought to the school, the student will be sent to a designated area determined by the principal/ designee. A letter will be sent to the parents/guardians notifying them of the violation and reminding them that future dress code violations will result in suspension of the student*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Violation:**

*The student may be suspended for 1 day due to disrespect for authority.*

## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

*The Superintendent or his/her designee will consider for approval all deviations to the Uniform Policy for special occasions or*

*events upon written request from the school principal for the following reasons: 1) Positive Behavior Support: Once per six weeks to reward students for good behavior, students may wear their school uniform pants and a school "spirit" shirt; and charity events: Twice per year, for a consistent fee established by the Superintendent and used throughout the School System, students may wear jeans with a school uniform shirt. Staff members may also wear jeans for these special events.*

**PANTS:** *All students' pants must be khaki or navy color twill "slacks" with or without pleats, with or without belt loops, with or without pockets. Pants must be bought in the child's appropriate size and must be worn at the waistline. No sagging, oversized, wide-legged, bell bottom, cargo, safari, joggers, or carpenter pants will be allowed. If pants have belt loops, students must wear a belt. No jeans of any color will be allowed.*

**SHORTS:** *All students (pre-k through twelfth grade) may wear khaki or navy color twill, loose-fitting, knee-length walking shorts.*

**SKIRTS, SKORTS & JUMPERS:** *Students may wear basic khaki or navy twill skirts or skorts and A-line or bib jumpers.*

**SHIRTS & BLOUSES:** *Shirts may be long or short sleeved (no sleeveless garments) polo (pull over) style or oxford (button up) style, white or navy color shirts. Turtleneck shirts, sleeveless shirts, or shirts with a zipper are not acceptable. Elementary girls have the option of wearing a white, button up blouse with a "Peter Pan" collar. Solid white, long or short-sleeved T-shirts may be worn under regular uniform shirts and the sleeves of the "undershirt" may extend past the sleeve of the top uniform shirt. Thermal underwear and turtleneck shirts are not allowed. All shirt tails must be tucked inside garments. No midriff shirts or blouses shall be worn. Each school shall have the option of a school color shirt to wear at the discretion and approval of the school principal in lieu of a regular school uniform shirt.*

**BELTS:** *Belts are mandatory for middle school, junior high school and high school students when wearing pants or shorts with belt loops. Belts with designs, emblems, insignias, monograms, logos, holes, studs, etc. that are offensive (at the discretion of the school principal) will not be allowed. Metal spikes or studs are not allowed. Belts must be the appropriate length for the student's waist size. Belt buckles must be plain, standard style. Elementary students are encouraged to wear belts.*

**SHOES:** *All shoes must have a closed back and front. No sandals, wedged soles, platforms, high heels, crocs, slippers, shower shoes, flip flops, or knee-high shoes will be allowed. Shoes must be worn appropriately and those that require laces or those with Velcro closures must be securely fastened. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that pre-k and kindergarten students wear shoes that slip on or those with Velcro closures.*

**OUTER GARMENTS:** *Students may wear heavy coats or jackets of any color or style inside and outside of school classrooms/buildings. If the outer garment is a pullover (including sweaters, jackets, vests or windbreakers that do not zip or button from the bottom up) it must be navy, white, or the school-chosen color. Coats, jackets, and/or pullover garments may not have inappropriate insignia, logos, or language. Dusters and trench coats will not be allowed. Jackets or sweatshirts with a hood may be allowed for indoor wear with the stipulation that hoods will be removed upon entering a building. A regulation uniform shirt must be worn under all outerwear. Students will be allowed to wear school-sponsored organization (FFA, BETA, athletic, etc.) jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters inside buildings and classrooms with the stipulation that the garments should be blue, white, or the school chosen color.*