

## Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

### Terrell County ISD 2022-2023

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Wear **shoes** at all times; specifically prohibited footwear includes cleats, skate shoes or any shoes with wheels, or footwear not intended for outdoor wear (i.e. shower shoes and house shoes/slippers).

- Shoes must be appropriate for various activities: science labs, shop courses, PE, recess, athletics, etc.)

2. Not wear **hats**, caps, sweat bands, visors, head coverings, bandannas or hoods from hoodies or jackets in the building (neither males nor females).

3. **Hair expectations:**

- Hair color must NOT extend beyond natural tones. Hair color in question will require the administration to make a determination.
- All male students shall have their hair clean-cut and not to extend below the earlobes. Sideburns shall not extend below the lobes of the ear.
- Facial hair will NOT be permitted.

4. Not wear **sunshades** in the building or classrooms.

5. Not wear any **clothing, accessories and/or jewelry** that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or violent writing or images.

- Attire shall not represent another school district, especially those that our district competes against. School pride and respect is expected with daily dress.
- No gloves
- No choke collars

6. **Pierced/clipped jewelry** is restricted to the ears only and females only.

- No gauges
- No mouth ornamentation
- No tattoos – if a student has a tattoo, the tattoo must be covered at all times.
- No contact lenses, prescription or non-prescription, will be allowed that blacken the eyes or change the shape and appearance of the eye.

7. Not wear any see-through styles or revealing **clothing** including bare midriffs, bare shoulders, backless fashions, spandex, tight fitting clothing (leggings), sleep wear, muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, miniskirts, or underwear garments that are worn as outerwear.

- If leggings are worn, a dress or skirt must be worn over the leggings that meet the length requirements as noted in the TCISD Dress Code. Athletic leggings may not be worn at school.

8. Not wear any dress, skirt, slit skirt or dress, slacks, jeans, pants, shorts, or un-hemmed attire when measured with the student standing is more than three inches from the top of the kneecap. The top of the slit in a skirt, dress, or shorts, as well as any tears or rips in slacks, pants, jeans, or overalls must be **no higher than three inches from the top of the kneecap when the student is standing.**

- **Athletic shorts** must be in compliance with the “three inches from the top of the kneecap when standing” expectation (males and females).

9. Not wear pants lower than they are intended to be worn. **“Sagging”** is not allowed.

10. Not wear **baggy or oversized pants** (one size larger than actual measurements is allowed for growth). Examples include the pant leg bottom or hem being larger than the shoe, the crotch of pant sagging significantly below normal wear, pants having 12” or deeper rear pockets, and pants where the size is beyond the “one size larger” provision around the waist.

11. Apparel, accessories, **hair color or hair styles** that denote gang-related association is prohibited.

12. Dress for all **extra-curricular trips, activities, or special occasions** (i.e., Formal wear) will be determined by the sponsors and subject to Principal and/or Superintendent Approval.

- Prom attire specifics:

\*All tattoos will be covered at prom and banquets.

\*Dress shoes or boots will be worn by male students for prom.

\*Tennis or athletic shoes are not permitted at prom.

\*Formal attire is expected by all attendees.

13. All attire must be school appropriate and meet district expectations. General wear and tear on garments/denim is understood, but **ragged over-worn hems** will not be allowed.

\*\*\*\*The administration reserves the right to handle dress code for **PreK-4<sup>th</sup>** with some leniency. Elementary and secondary students select attire for different reasons.

**At any time during the school year, the administration may modify, ban, or abolish any grooming practices, article of clothing, or accessory including emblems/logos, bracelets that are considered to be affiliated with gang/Gothic/emo/occult activity, or association with any inappropriate groups or is deemed inappropriate for Sanderson Schools.**

**If the Principal or Superintendent determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.**

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