

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. General Regulations: boys and girls

- a. Short length must come to mid-thigh or to the finger-tips of students when standing in upright position with arms and hands extended to the sides
- b. No student may wear dark glasses inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
- c. Hair that is distracting in color or style will not be allowed. (Example: any style mohawk, spike, multicolor, unnatural colors, streaks, shaved designs, etc.)
- d. No student may wear any apparel or jewelry with offensive or suggestive designs, wording, ethnic slurs, promoting violence or anti-social behavior, or advertising or names of any prohibited substance such as beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes or drugs.
- e. No student shall wear caps, hats, flags, or bandannas inside the building.
- f. Shoes must be worn. Cleated shoes or shoes that mark the floors are not to be worn.
- g. Tattoos and brands will be covered so as not to be visible.
- h. Dresses, skirts, slacks, jeans, shorts and warm-up suits must fit loosely enough to facilitate free movement and modest behavior.
- i. No chains will be worn on any part of the body or clothing.
- j. Pants must be worn at the waist, and the crotch may not hang below mid-thigh.
- k. Pant length may not exceed the heel of the shoe.
- l. Excessive torn clothing or clothing with holes in jeans above the knee is not allowed. Holes above the knee need to be covered by patches.
- m. Overalls may be worn, if worn properly. Straps must be fastened.

2. Girls:

- a. Tank tops are not permitted. There must be at least 3 fingers width between the shirt collar and the edge of the sleeve, and the collar must be standard cut. Low-cut collars are not permitted.
- b. Shirts and shorts must be cut and worn so that undergarments are not exposed.
- c. See-through shirts and tops are not allowed unless the shirt worn under meets the dress code. Tops that expose the midriff are not allowed.
- d. Ear jewelry will be limited to two in the ear lobe and one in the upper ear. No other body piercing of any kind will be allowed.
- e. Skirts and shorts may not be shorter than mid-thigh.
- f. Leggings may only be worn if covered by a shirt/dress that covers the anterior and posterior torso when standing.

3. Boys:

- a. Hair must be clean and neat and must not touch the shoulder in length. Sideburns must not extend below the earlobe. Hair must be worn so that it does not cover the eyes.
- b. No facial hair is permitted.
- c. Boys may not wear any type of earring or stud. Body piercing of any kind is not allowed.
- d. Shirts must be tucked into the trousers if they present a safety hazard.

e. Midriffs or shoulders are not to be exposed. Muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, fishnet or see-through are not allowed.

Any item of clothing, hair style, or code issue that is a disruption or is deemed inappropriate by administration can be restricted. In these matters, the school officials shall be the ultimate judge. This dress code will be enforced on all GRISD property and at all school functions home and away.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given a step on their behavior chart and 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.

Any student may come directly to the office once they arrive to school and ask the administration to check if they are in compliance with the dress code. If it is determined they have violated the dress code, no disciplinary action will be put in place but the student will have to change before being allowed to go to class. This student initiated dress/grooming check is intended to work with students to assist in their understanding of what is and is not allowed at school.