

Dress and Grooming Guide

In preparation for life after secondary education, students should learn that the context of the situation may dictate the appropriateness of dress and personal appearance. School is a business environment designed to prepare students to excel in the world of work and future educational institutions. Accordingly, the standard of dress and grooming required is set to that purpose. Requiring students to follow these dress and grooming standards contributes toward their preparation for future endeavors.

General (Statement of Board Policy – See Policy FNCA)

Any dress or grooming that interferes with or disrupts the school environment or may create a health hazard to themselves or to others, may be excluded from school. The campus principal is empowered to make such judgments. Students shall be clean, well groomed, and neatly dressed.

Apparel designed for sleepwear will not be permitted (e.g. pajama pants, house shoes, etc.) Bizarre dress or clothing that makes even casual reference to drugs or drug paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, weapons, violence, sexual innuendoes, satanic or hostile implications, profanity, organizations or groups (whether real or fictitious) which promote any of the above, or other statement, reference, or depiction deemed inappropriate by the administration or misrepresenting police or other lawful organizations shall not be worn.

Any dress determined by the principal to be related to gangs will not be permitted on school property, including but not limited to colors, emblems, or style of clothing. Sleeves may not be worn so as to cover the student's hands.

Apparel

Pants: Oversized pants are not allowed. Pants must fit at the waist and in the seat. Shoes must be visible from all lines of sight. Pants must be hemmed at the cuff. Unraveled hems/cuffs are not allowed. Holes in pants will not be permitted. Spandex/biker pants are not permitted, unless shorts meeting dress code are worn over them. Undergarments must not be visible.

Shirts: No shirts/tops should be oversized. Shirts longer than the bottom seam of the back pants pocket must be tucked in. Unbuttoned over shirts will be permitted if not oversized and the undershirt tucked in. Shirt length must cover midriff when arms are raised above the head. Halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti-strap type shirts or blouses, shirts with sleeves cut off, torn or "holey" apparel, fishnet, sheer or other see-through type shirts, or other dress deemed inappropriate by school officials shall not be worn. Garment must cover entire back, cleavage, chest and stomach. Undergarments must not be visible.

Dresses/Shorts: Halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti-strap type dresses, dresses with sleeves cut off, torn or "holey" apparel, fishnet, sheer or other see-through type dresses, or other dress deemed inappropriate by school officials shall not be worn. Undergarments must not be visible. Garment must cover entire back, cleavage and chest. Garments such as skirts, dresses, and shorts, must be longer than the tips of the fingers when the student's arms, hands, and fingers are extended down the student's leg. Spandex/biker shorts are not permitted, unless shorts meeting above length requirements are worn over them. The standard enforcement will be that the garment is obviously in compliance with the stated standard while the student is participating in normal school activities. Shorts and dresses must be hemmed; no cut-offs will be allowed. Skirts featuring high slashes are not appropriate for school. It is recommended that elementary girls wearing dresses should wear shorts under them.

Accessories: Hats, caps, visors, bandannas, or headgear of any kind shall not be worn, and will not be allowed on campus, including school buses. Sunglasses or any other distracting accessory shall not be worn in the school building. No chains, including billfold chains, will be allowed.

Footwear: Proper footwear should be worn at all times. Elementary school students should not wear heeels, flip-flops or similar footwear.

Coats: Lightweight jackets or sweaters will be allowed in the building. Winter coats should be placed into the student's locker or assigned area upon arrival at school.

Body Piercing: Piercing is allowed in the ear only. Boys may wear one small loop earring or stud in each ear. The loop may not be larger than the end of a person's little finger tip. Boys may not wear any type of dangling earring. Body piercing of the nose, eyebrow, tongue, or any other visible area other than the ear will not be allowed.

Tattoos: No visible tattoos of any kind will be permitted. Existing visible tattoos shall be covered at all times during school or at any school sponsored activity.

Hair: Hair should be kept neat, clean, and out of eyes. Only natural hair colors will be permitted. Styles which call undue attention to the wearer, or which are disruptive will not be permitted. Facial hair must be neat and closely trimmed.

Identification Cards: Picture IDs are required to be worn at all times during school hours by all high school students while on campus. ID cards must be visible and displayed above the waist and on the front side of the body. ID cards must be the cards supplied to the student by the school.

Scope of Dress and Grooming Code

This Code is applicable to students during any school activity on or off school property, before, during, and after normal school hours, including nights and weekend activities. The principal shall have the authority to designate a modified Code for certain activities, such as but not limited to the Senior Prom, Graduation, school dances, special assemblies, etc. Students attending such activities shall be expected to comply with the Code established by the principal.

Nothing in the dress code shall interfere with the normal operation of such classes as physical education or other such activities.

Enforcement

Students may be asked to change clothes, turn clothes "inside-out", or otherwise reasonably comply with the administrator's attempts to bring the student's dress or grooming into compliance with this code. Students may be required to return home if they are dressed inappropriately for school or may be given different clothing to wear for the remainder of the day.

Building administrators shall use their discretion in questions concerning the dress and grooming code. Where there is a question regarding dress or grooming, the principal's decision will be final.

Repeated violation of the dress and grooming code by a student will be considered to be insubordination and will subject the student to escalating disciplinary consequences, including but not limited to a restricted dress and grooming code for the student, in-school-suspension, or placement in a disciplinary alternative education program.

Responsibility for Compliance

Each student is responsible for his/her compliance with this code on a daily basis, and parents are responsible on a daily basis for ensuring that their children are in compliance before their students enter school property.

Dress Code for TRUCE Learning Center

Students must wear a plain, white shirt, blue or black denim jeans or slacks and athletic shoes. All shirts must be tucked in. In cold weather, students may wear a plain white or gray sweatshirt over the shirt. All other CISD dress regulations shall be enforced.