

Pages 43-44 in Student Handbook

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Dress code guidelines apply to P.E., field trips, and all other school functions and activities unless prior approval is obtained from the principal or superintendent. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts

- Students may not wear tank tops (sleeveless garment shoulder width must be 3" or greater).
- Necklines must be high enough to conceal the bust. Tops must be long enough so that no skin shows at the waist.
- Students may not wear backless shirts, transparent clothing, racer back tops or halter tops.
- No sleeveless shirts with large arm openings or undershirt type T-shirts.

Dresses, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts

- The length of skirts, dresses, shorts, etc., must not be shorter than fingertip length when the arms are held in a relaxed position with the fingers fully extended vertically.
- Students may not wear backless dresses, transparent clothing or dresses with spaghetti straps.

Pants, Jeans, Leggings

- Pants, jeans, etc., should be worn at the natural waist line and not allowed to bag or sag.
- Leggings must be covered with a shirt or shorts, not shorter than fingertip length, when the arms are held in a relaxed position with the fingers fully extended vertically.
- Students are not to wear jeans that are torn or have holes in them in inappropriate areas. No skin or undergarments should be visible above mid-thigh area.
- Pajamas and sleepwear are not to be worn at school unless previously approved by the principal or superintendent.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Slippers, cleats and skate shoes are not acceptable for school.

Hair

- Boys' hair must not be worn as long as the collar and must not cover the eyes.
- Unsuitable hairstyles include tails, Mohawks, punk cuts, etc.
- Facial Hair must be clean and neatly trimmed.

Headgear

- Hats, caps, do-rags, hoodies, bandanas, sunglasses and other head coverings are not to be worn inside.

Earrings, Body Piercings, Tattoos

- Girls may wear earrings on the ears. Boys will not wear earrings.

- Spacers/Gauges of any kind are not permitted. **All visible body piercing jewelry is prohibited. Clear retainers are allowed.**
- Dental 'grills' are prohibited.
- Tattoos that are offensive, inappropriate or distracting must be covered at all times.

Additional Information

- Students in grades PreK-2 may wear modest tank tops (NOT spaghetti straps or halter tops) and sleeveless shirts.
- Clothing worn during PE must conform to dress code AND to GISD physical education dress guidelines. PE dress guidelines will be distributed by GISD coaching staff. Students not having appropriate clothing or shoes for PE may not be allowed to participate and their grade lowered accordingly.
- TENNIS/ATHLETIC SHOES MUST BE WORN DURING PE.
- No item worn to school or school events may advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited under Board Policy, weapons, bombs, illegal acts, violence or anything that could be construed as provocative or offensive.
- Appropriate undergarments are to be worn and must be concealed at all times.
- Clothing should not be so tight that the body features are outlined.
- Students in extra-curricular groups may face additional consequences for dress code violations as determined by the sponsor.

If the principal 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.