

PAMPA DRESS AND GROOMING CODE

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:

The Pampa ISD Dress Code seeks to raise expectations among our students, promote academic excellence, promote grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, promote safety, and teach respect for one another.

Students are expected to come to school neatly groomed and appropriately dressed. Students and parents share responsibility for complying with the District's dress code.

Campus standards for students in grades PK – 2 will be defined in each campus handbook.

General Rules for Grades 3 -12:

- *All lower garments must be worn to ensure that the midsection is covered at all times.
- *All lower garments must be worn at the waist, fitted properly and hemmed.
- *All lower garments must be worn in a manner which eliminates the presence of sagging at all times.
- *All upper garments must have sleeves, and must be worn in a manner which eliminates exposure of the male chest, or female cleavage, shoulders, back, armpits, midsection and undergarments.
- *See-through shirts may be worn as a top layer when worn with an undershirt that has sleeves and meets dress code (ie: covers the mid-drift, shoulders, back, and undergarments).
- *If belts are worn, they must be sized appropriately, and have no inappropriate writing.
- *Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, cleats, and spurs on boots are not acceptable.
- *Undergarments are required and shall not be visible at any time.
- *All clothing must be sized appropriately, be in good condition, free from any holes or tears that reveal skin. Leggings worn under holes or tears to cover exposed skin would be permissible.
- *Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be knee length while standing or fingertip length when wearing leggings.

Unacceptable Dress for Grades 3 – 12:

- *Caps, hats, gloves and head coverings are not permitted to be worn indoors.
- *Sweatbands, bandannas, hairnets are not permitted to be worn, unless required by class.
- *Spandex, yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, or pants made of any elastic type material may not be worn as outerwear.
- *Trench coats and dusters are not permitted.
- *Clothing may never be worn in a manner which reflects gang affiliation.
- *Clothing with pictures or facsimiles of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, lewd or sexual innuendo, vulgarity, racial slurs, inappropriate writings or inappropriate embroidered emblems are not permitted.
- *Pajamas, including pajama tops or bottoms worn separately, are not acceptable.
- *Cheer leading outfits that do not conform to the dress code are not permitted to be worn at school except during pep rallies, at games, or during designated cheer activities.

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Jewelry, Tattoos and Hair - all students

- *Jewelry or spacers for facial piercings, including piercings of the tongue, must be removed or covered at all times.
- *Students are allowed to wear jewelry for piercings in their ears.
- *All tattoos must be covered at all times.
- *Spiked jewelry and chains are not permitted at any time.
- *Hair is to be neat, clean, and well groomed.
- *Hair should not obstruct vision and should not be a distraction to others.
- *Hair should be of a natural color.
- *Eyebrow notching is not permitted.

Student IDs

To help insure a more secure learning environment and to take advantage of emerging technologies in Student Attendance record-keeping, Food Service account management, Library processing, and Transportation procedures, the district will be phasing-in the issue of student photo identification badges. The first stage of the phase-in will take place at Pampa Jr High School beginning at the start of the 2015-16 school year. PJH students will be required to wear a school-issued student identification badge during the instructional day and at designated school activities. The ID badge must be visible, and can be worn with either a lanyard or clip. At a time determined by the campus administrations, Pampa High School students and Elementary bus riders will be issued student identification badges.

The first student identification badge will be provided by the district. If a student ID is lost, stolen, or damaged a student must obtain a replacement ID.

Because of the embedded technology in the student ID badges, replacement costs will be \$2 per badge. Additional lanyards will be \$1 each.

Exceptions

Deviations from the Dress Code for the purpose of promoting school spirit, holidays, or special events are left to the discretion of the campus principal.

With respect to dress code variances based upon medical or religious reasons, documentation from a medical provider or established religious authority will suffice for such variances to be granted.

Decisions and Judgments

At the campus level, the campus administrator will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the student dress code.

Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered within the dress code policy shall be referred to the superintendent or her designee.

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The PISD Board of Trustees must approve any changes or revisions to the Dress Code Policy. The Board of Trustees may adjust or revise the dress code policy at any time during the school year, with any changes going into effect immediately.

Consequences for violations

The student dress code is designed to encourage students to adhere to their responsibilities as members of the school community. Consequences for dress code violations shall be assigned by campus administrators after considering the seriousness of the offense, the student's age and grade, the frequency of the violation, the student's attitude, and the effect of the violation on the school environment.

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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.