

PISD STUDENT DRESS CODE

The district's dress code is established to:

1. Create and maintain a respectful and positive learning environment
2. Prevent the disruption, interference with, or detraction from the educational environment and reverent ceremonies or assemblies.
3. Minimize health and safety hazards
4. Instill self-discipline and teach respect for one another
5. Additionally, as a critical part of preparing students to be college and career ready, this code teaches students about the importance of self-respect and presenting oneself in a professional or work-related setting.

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. Complaints by members of the public shall be filed in accordance with GF(LOCAL). The Pampa ISD board encourages the public to discuss concerns with an appropriate administrator who has the authority to address the concerns.

Enforcement:

Teachers and administrators have the authority to enforce the dress code. All final decisions on the appropriateness of school dress will rest with campus administrators.

Violations:

If a student fails to comply with the dress code, the principal will request that the student make the appropriate corrections. This may include changing into clothing provided by the school. If the student refuses to make the appropriate corrections, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted for assistance in making the necessary corrections. If both the student and parent/guardian refuse, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in more serious disciplinary action. In all cases, appropriate disciplinary action will be administered in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Requirements: (Pre-K-12)

1. Hair

- Shall be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face.
- If a hairstyle or design causes a significant disruption to the school and learning environment, the student will be directed to change the hairstyle or design. Hair should be of natural color.
- Notching of the eyebrows is prohibited.

2. Apparel

- Clothing may not advertise, condone, depict or promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, suicide, death, racism, bigotry, violence, gang topics, vulgar or obscene language and/or topics that are gang-related or sexual in nature.
- Sheer clothing is prohibited unless non-revealing clothing that meets dress code is worn underneath.
- Any holes or tears that reveal skin above the knee must be covered.
- Undergarments are required and shall not be visible at any time.

- If belts are worn, they must be sized appropriately, and have no inappropriate writing.
- The midriff must be covered at all times, including when arms are raised over the student's head and when the student is seated.
- 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. The back of shirts and dress tops will be no lower than the top of the armpits.
- Pants must fit appropriately over the hips. Sagging or bagging with pants or shorts shall not be permitted. Rolled waist bands are not permitted if rolling causes the midriff to be uncovered.
- When wearing leggings or yoga pants, the shortest part of a student's shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, and tops must be fingertip length while standing. Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be knee length if no leggings are worn.
- In grades PreK-3, shorts should be worn underneath dresses.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, visors, hoods or other head coverings may not be worn in the school building except on approved occasions.
- Long overcoats or trenchcoats are prohibited.
- Pajamas may not be worn at school, unless for a pre-approved designated event.
- Cheerleading 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.

3. **Footwear**

- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes are not acceptable.
- Properly fitted tennis shoes are required for physical education classes, with discretion from the PE teacher.

4. **Jewelry, Accessories and Make-up**

- All facial piercing (to include tongues) is prohibited for both genders. Clear spacers to maintain piercing are acceptable.
- Students are allowed to wear piercings in their ears.
- All tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Spiked jewelry and chains are not permitted at any time.
- Contacts that alter the normal look of the pupil are prohibited.
- Sunglasses or other eyewear that is not for a medical reason is prohibited from being worn inside school buildings.
- Students are not permitted to excessively write on skin and/or clothing items.

Extracurricular Activities: Extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for students participating in those programs.

Assemblies During School Hours: Dress code will be enforced.

Additional Information: Medical conditions, supported by documentation from a physician, or certain recognized religious beliefs may qualify for an exception to certain provisions of the dress code. However, any exceptions must receive prior approval by the campus administrator. Grooming and dress for special activities and extracurricular activities are under the direction of the principal (i.e. Prom, Homecoming, Graduation, field trips, hat day, etc.) This dress code provides requirements regarding common situations but cannot cover every style of dress and specific situations that may arise. The District reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonably expected to pose a health or safety hazard or to cause substantial disruption of, distraction from, or interference with general school operations.