

DRESS AND GROOMING

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. If students are dressed in a manner conducive to learning then that atmosphere should be prevalent during the school day. First impressions of individuals and of a student body are based largely upon the manner of dress and personal hygiene. It should be the desire of each student to create a favorable school image to the public. The school earnestly solicits the cooperation of the parents and students in achieving this goal. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards provided they comply with these general guidelines. This will give our district an excellent appearance to us as well as to others who may visit from time to time.

When any questions arise or there is any doubt about appropriateness of clothing, students and parents are encouraged to consult with school officials. The support of parents and compliance by students is essential in order to have the best possible atmosphere for learning in school. A good rule to go by is: **IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT WHAT IS APPROPRIATE DRESS – THEN, DON'T WEAR IT.**

If you are a participant in any event representing Union Hill ISD, the dress code will be followed at all school-related activities regardless of location. If you are a non-participant and attending a school sponsored activity whether at home or away, the dress code will be followed.

General Guidelines for Dress and Grooming

All Students:

- Clothing should be of a nature to not cause a health and safety hazard to the student or others. The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy. This includes shirts that are imprinted with words or phrases that carry a double meaning and might be considered as suggestive or vulgar.
- The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.
Length of Clothing – Female and Male

The following types of shorts are NOT ALLOWED: short shorts, wind shorts, sweat shorts, bicycle shorts or any tight fitting shorts, boxer shorts, or jogging shorts.

- Elementary students may wear wind shorts providing they follow the fingertip guideline.

Students may wear shirts and/or blouses with jeans, full-length pants, skirts, capris, dresses, and appropriate shorts.

APPROPRIATE SHORTS AND SKIRTS – SHORTS AND SKIRTS THAT ARE LONG ENOUGH THAT WHEN A STUDENT'S ARMS ARE HELD DOWN BY THEIR SIDES, THEIR FINGERTIPS DO NOT TOUCH ANY SKIN. IF STUDENTS MUST ADJUST THEIR SHORTS OR SKIRTS TO MEET THE CRITERIA, THEY ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE.

- Sheer or "see through" clothing is prohibited.
- Sunglasses are prohibited inside the buildings unless prescribed by a doctor.

- Students may not wear caps, hats, or any other types of head coverings while at school. Exceptions to this rule will be made for spirit days.
- All clothing should fit in a manner to avoid comment. Tight fitting clothing that conforms to the body or extremely oversized clothing is prohibited.
- Articles of clothing must be worn as they are designed to be worn, e.g., suspender straps of overalls on the shoulders, shirts buttoned completely with the exception of the top button, jackets or coats on the shoulder, etc.
- Gang clothing – clothing that is known to be, or thought to be, clothing that is associated with gangs or gang activity is prohibited. Examples: “do rags”, bandannas (all colors, khaki work clothes, certain athletic apparel, inappropriate trench coats, etc.
- Pajamas and/or house shoes are not allowed.
- Appropriate footwear (shoes or sandals) must be worn.
- Clothing that is ragged, holey or torn is prohibited.
- Students may not wear studded or spiked collars or armbands, heavy chains, or chains attached to billfolds. Necklaces and/or bracelets are not to have spikes or a heavy chain appearance.
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn but not seen at any time.
- Appropriate dress is expected at all school-sponsored activities, on or off campus.
- No gauges may be worn in piercings.
- No blankets or pillows.
- No shoes with wheels or roller blades.
- No visible tattoos or body art.

Female Students

- Sun dresses and like apparel may be worn provided they are not cut too low in the front, lower armpit area, or the back for proper decorum. Shoulder straps should be at least 2” in width.
- All tops must completely cover the back, midriff and armpit area during normal school day activities. Halter tops, crop-tops, tank-tops, and tops that are backless or with a bare midriff or sports bra cut are not allowed.
- Clothing which exposes the midriff when the student goes through the normal activities of the school day (bending, stretching, reaching, etc.) is prohibited.
- Clothing such as yoga pants, tights, or legging must be accompanied by a top long enough that when a student’s arms are held down by their sides, the finger tips touch the bottom of the garment.
- No visible body piercing is allowed except for a maximum of two earrings per ear.
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed and **OUT OF THE EYES.** The style and color of the hair must be of a nature as to not cause a classroom disruption.

Male Students

- May not wear tank tops or like apparel without a t-shirt under the garment. Shirts with the sleeves torn out or cut out may not be worn.
- All pants, shorts, and similar type clothing designed to be worn at the waist may not be worn below the waist or made to sag so as to allow the underwear to show. Shirts may not be worn untucked with baggy clothing.
- Earrings or any form of body piercings are not allowed.
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed and **OUT OF THE EYES**. The style and color of the hair must be of a nature as to not cause a classroom disruption.
- Neatly trimmed mustaches, beards, or goatees are allowed.

Violations of the dress code

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under the above provisions, the teacher and/or principal shall request the student to make the appropriate corrections. Students will be given the opportunity to make corrections at that time. The school will provide some appropriate clothing that a student can change into for the day. If the student chooses not to comply, the student will be placed into SAC for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to go home and change clothing.